

## RFC Report - LINC

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09/09/2019 07:33 PM	Mr Michael Riley			You should give up power of redistricting to an impartial special master for this map. The Republicans received partisan data even after told by the courts that they could not use it. Give the citizens of North Carolina fair maps where they can choose their legislators rather than legislators choosing their voters.
09/10/2019 09:33 AM	Horton's Egg Hatchery Anne Horton	ahorton@chicagobooth.edu		I am calling upon the state to remove partisan influences from redistricting. It should be done by a 50-50 split group that must create maps that are fair, un-gerrymandered, and competitive. This redistricting should be done in public with none of the shenanigans that the GOP have tried in the past
09/10/2019 09:39 AM	Mrs. Michelle Susar	michellesusar@gmail.com		Choose a fair map and attempt to not over analyze it. We want fair maps, on both sides. Just get it done. If your party has the best candidates, they should be re-elected.
09/10/2019 09:40 AM	Makiala Love			Our political system is broken and politicians are making it worse by using partisan gerrymandering that almost guarantees they get re-elected. Gerrymandering contributes to the hyper-partisanship in our politics and allows politicians to pander to lobbyists and special interests, but ignore the people they represent. The people should pick their representatives, not the other way around. We will not accept maps that disenfranchise communities of color under the guise of partisan gerrymandering.
09/10/2019 10:35 AM	think Of voter Sonya Glavin	Sonya.glavin@gmail.com		This needs to be non partisan issue. Common cause, Dems and Republicans support real non political districts . Use science and evidence not voting data .
09/10/2019 10:49 AM	David T Connelly	drpconnelly@gmail.com	-	What I want to see: District compactness, minimizing split voting precincts and municipal boundaries. What I don't want to see: Protecting incumbents. Current legislators have been illegitimate since 2011, and they should be the first to leave.
09/10/2019 10:50 AM	Mr Gary Clontz	gclontz@msn.com		I want a process so that elections are as they are meant to be. They should deliver a fair outcome no matter which party is currently in power. We have touted democracy and will of the people to the rest of the world. With partisan gerrymandering that message is hollow.
09/10/2019 10:58 AM	Incumbency Protection Renee Sekel	reneeas@hotmail.com		I am writing to ask that the committee not make the protection of incumbents an important part of the redistricting process. Particularly in this situation, where many of the incumbents were elected using unconstitutional maps, incumbency protection only perpetuates the problem.  To be clear, I am not advocating that incumbents should actively be placed in the same district. I'm not looking to handicap anybody. But it seems only fair that these new maps be drawn fresh, without consideration of whether incumbents would be double bunked. Let the voters sort it out.

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09/10/2019 10:59 AM	stephanie zack	lafortunestudios@gmail.com		I would like to make sure that this racially and politically motivated practice to skew voting never happens again. If you want to help us trust you in any way .....pay Stacy Abrams to oversee the process and report to us... .your constituents. And never shame our state again!!!
09/10/2019 10:59 AM	Nicholas Haag	nichaag44@hushmail.com		I see no issue with partisan redistricting. I believe the only reason it is an issue, is a "sore loser" mentality that I personally find reprehensible. The SCOTUS has decreed there is no justifiable way to determine a "fair" map, as such courts have no business weighing in on the matter at all. For determining maps, computer simulations are only as logical as the developers that create them, complete with their own conscious or unconscious political biases. I would argue, if tasked to contrive a better way, would be to determine maps economically, by household income, property value or someone economic metric. Aim for a fair mix of upper, middle, and lower economic-class North Carolinian's in each district. Allow for a decent margin error to maintain as compact as possible districts, but use economics as the basis. This completely takes partisanship, race, religion, geography, etc. out of the equation. I believe the way wealth is distributed across NC, this is entirely possible. While ensuring a fair mix of Urban and Rural voters in each district. To me this would be rock solid to defend in court, when the sore loser undoubtedly contests the map.
09/10/2019 10:59 AM	Charles McCracken	cmccrkn@netscape.net		I have seen mention that redistricting is putting emphasis on incumbent legislator's home areas, presumably to ensure that they are not obsoleted in the new maps. This is not only unnecessary, but I believe it goes against the intent of the court ruling. Any and all current incumbents are the result of the improper districts and should not be considered in any way for the new map selection
09/10/2019 11:03 AM	Ms Erika Booth			Gerrymandering is a subversion of democratic principles. Redistricting should be a neutral endeavor. There should not be consideration for incumbents , political party proportions or previous boundary locations. Redistricting should be a transparent public process. The purpose of voting districts are to properly represent the voters. The voters should be choosing their representatives and not the other way around.
09/10/2019 11:15 AM	Clark Hunsinger	hunsingr@nc.rr.com		<p>The best way to do Redistricting would be to form an Independent Redistricting Commission with equal representation of Republicans, Democrats, and Independent (unaffiliated) members, including nonpartisan academic redistricting experts, like Jowei Chen, Associate Professor, University of Michigan.</p> <p>If that is not done, then the Legislative Redistricting Committees should:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) immediately ask the Court to approve Jowei Chen, who has proven his unbiased, academic credentials as a redistricting mapmaker, as the NC Redistricting Mapmaker. This step would go a long way in showing that the</li> </ol>

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				<p>Republicans in the legislator are serious about creating fair district maps.</p> <p>2) conduct a public meeting to establish the priorities and limits of the "redistricting criteria". Of course, as the Court has directed, there should be no partisan criteria and no political data used in the mapmaking process. If "Incumbency" is an agreed-to criteria, it surely must be "current incumbency" and, therefore, a new computer run is required using the current incumbency data.</p> <p>3) this agreed-to, prioritized list of criteria should be given to Jowei Chen to provide a base map that most closely matches the agreed-to criteria.</p> <p>4) this base, non-partisan map should then be presented in a public meeting as the committee makes any changes that must achieve a bipartisan consensus.</p> <p>5) the Court should then be able to quickly be approve the result.</p>
09/10/2019 12:17 PM	Ms. Dorothy Collins	dorthey9427@gmail.com		It's about time the maps are drawn fairly and not solely controlled by republicans!
09/10/2019 12:36 PM	Ms. Jennifer Bosk	jenniferbosk.raleigh@gmail.com		For once, STOP. PRAY. DO IT FOR THE PEOPLE. Stop working for the almighty dollar and start working for those who put their hope, trust and care into you to represent them. As an elected official, you are not here to make a game of winning, of boosting your bank account - you work FOR ME who helped put you into office and I am asking you to put GOD & COUNTRY first. Thank you.
09/10/2019 12:43 PM	Hope Johnson	hopecj@princeton.edu	Princeton Gerrymandering Project	<p>I am requesting the spreadsheet being shown currently at the hearing (12:38 PM, 9/10/19). The spreadsheet is called "Chen map data.xlsx".</p> <p>It looks as though the compactness measures Polsby-Popper and Reock are combined into the "best combined score". I am also requesting the formula for how these are combined into one score.</p>
09/10/2019 12:49 PM	Mr Michael Parrish	parrishtm@aol.com		Please create fair and honest districts that reflect the population NOT the party in power.
09/10/2019 12:54 PM	Ms Linda Rudick	jeffrudick@hotmail.com	self	Watching the House stream, I have 2 requests: can the audio be louder and the print on screen be darker?
09/10/2019 12:59 PM	Mr John Graham	Jwg3807@bellsouth.net	Self	<p>1. Do not allow Art Pope to be involved</p> <p>2. Stop playing games with start times and recesses for GA members.</p> <p>3. BE NORTH CAROLINIANS FIRST!</p> <p>4. Take incumbency out of the equation!</p>
09/10/2019 01:14 PM	Mrs. Robin Cheeley	acheeley@aol.com	non	Please follow the court order and produce districts without considering political party or incumbents. Create districts that represent North Carolina and not just one party who wants to keep control. Let's never say again, I created 11 districts because I couldn't figure out how to make 12. I know this order doesn't affect the U.S. Congress, districts that resulted in this comment, but make our legislature representative of who we are.

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09/10/2019 01:15 PM	Mr. John Hill	johnhill320@gmail.com		Redistricting should be done by an independent non-partisan committee with a basis on population statistics.
09/10/2019 01:27 PM	Theresa Lamothe	Tracyforguilford@gmail.com	Self	I am frustrated by the fact that not all NC house districts will be scrutinized. Three in Guilford County will be left the same. I do t know how you can change part of a county and not the whole thing. I'm glad this is finally happening at least. Make sure what you do change is truly fair.
09/10/2019 01:29 PM	Jeff Collins	jlc1249@aol.com		NC has 10.38 million people 120 house districts and 50 senate districts. Each representative will answer to 86,500 people. Each Senator will answer to 207,600 people. Don't put them in safe spaces and answer they will. Start out towards Tennessee and draw as close to a box as you can. Your house box needs to hold approximately 86,500 people. Your box edge may need to altered slightly to align with a county or city limit. I wouldn't have either in multiple districts was we do now. Your Senate box will be a little larger as it will hold approximately 207,600 people. Move east as you go, you will draw 120 house boxes and 50 senate boxes. When you get to the slat water you will be done with equally drawn and non partisan voting districts. Get this done, and enjoy your time at the coast.
09/10/2019 01:49 PM	John David Southworth	Dsouth3511@aol.com	N/A	Given recent statewide voting patterns, any map that does create a hypothetical Democratic majority in both houses is illegally drawn.
09/10/2019 01:53 PM	Aylett Colston	AylettColston@gmail.com	Private citizen, on my behalf	<p>Dear Senators,</p> <p>In Common Cause v. Lewis, the NC Superior Court ordered that the NCGA conduct "the entire remedial process in full public view" and for "all map drawing to occur at public hearings."</p> <p>I am a member of the public and a resident of North Carolina. I attended the House and Senate redistricting committee meetings yesterday, September 9, 2019.</p> <p>At the beginning of each of the House and Senate committee meetings, the Committee Chair announced a plan to use maps that were done by an expert witness in preparing to give evidence at trial in Common Cause v. Lewis as the "base maps" upon which to base the remedial maps. The expert witness's name is Dr. Chen.</p> <p>I did not see Dr. Chen drawing these maps at the public meeting yesterday, nor were the attending public provided with copies of his maps.</p> <p>I understand that as part of the trial process, the Legislative Defendants had access to partisan data and other information associated with the maps</p>

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				<p>generated by Dr. Chen as part of his expert testimony. None of this data was provided to the public at the meeting I attended yesterday.</p> <p>At the redistricting committee meeting yesterday, the redistricting committee members discussed choosing a subset of Dr. Chen's maps based on ordering them by their compactness rating, and then taking a certain top percentage based on the highest compactness rating. They did not give a complete reason for prioritizing "compactness" of the entire district map ahead of any other criteria.</p> <p>The committees did not provide the public with copies of the maps that were rated "most compact" by Dr. Chen, or other maps for comparison.</p> <p>As a member of the public who attended these meetings, it appeared that the entire remedial process was NOT in full public view.</p> <p>I object to using maps that were not drawn at public hearings and request that the NC Senate redistricting committee start from scratch in the court-ordered redrawing of specified county clusters.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>Aylett Colston</p>
09/10/2019 01:59 PM	Mr Richard Genz	rgenz@skyrunner.net		<p>To the NC Senate:</p> <p>The Court's decision to order new state legislative districts is long, long overdue. Hyper-partisan, computer-guided mapping has severely corrupted the NC General Assembly over the past eight years. GOP voter suppression has compounded the damage.</p> <p>WE ARE WATCHING HOW YOU RESPOND TO THE COURT ORDER.</p> <p>And please note: North Carolina is a democracy, not a computer-optimization problem to solve in one party's favor.</p> <p>On the federal level, I encourage NC's General Assembly to adopt non-partisan, commission-based redistricting beginning in 2021. The basic rules of our democracy cannot be left to partisan politicians.</p> <p>Richard Genz Asheville NC</p>
09/10/2019 02:34 PM	Mrs. Jesse Kaufmann	aikido@nc.rr.com		<p>If Art Pope is any part of the redistricting process, it is dead in the water. Don't let Mr. Evil back in power.</p> <p>Spoken from the heart &amp; solid research.</p>
09/10/2019 02:38 PM	Perri Morgan	perri.morgan@duke.edu		<p>I am grateful that you are correcting the extreme gerrymander that has warped democracy in our state for almost a decade now. I was disturbed to hear that</p>

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				Art Pope, who was instrumental in the last gerrymanders, was suggested as a potential expert for the current process. I urge you not to include Mr. Pope, since this would cast doubt upon the process. Please keep this process open and apolitical. We will be watching closely. Thank you.
09/10/2019 02:38 PM	Dr. Margaret Pennybacker	pennybmrp@gmail.com		Fair districts are essential to fair voting results. Please do all that you can do to remove the shame of gerrymandered districts from North Carolina forever. Thank you!
09/10/2019 02:39 PM	Rebecca Maust	rmaust@earthlink.net		I was on the live stream watching the excel spreadsheet being used with live commentary up until the point that I realized they didn't know what they were doing with the sorting of selected columns then commenting that they maybe needed someone with excel experience. There was an awful lot of laughing and giggling in the background which added to the sense of casualness in the atmosphere. Those who are using the data which was created by an expert (Dr Chen?) don't seem to understand the data or the formulas that were used. If you are going to use data to interpret and produce and accurate outcome you have to understand what you're working with.
09/10/2019 02:39 PM	Ms. Chris Ekstedt	auroastra@gmail.com		A lottery machine is not a serious attempt to draw fair maps. We need an independent redistricting commission. Art Pope also has no business at all influencing this process, nor do any other such partisan players. It also doesn't need to come under the Legislative Services Office. We see you.
09/10/2019 02:39 PM	Dr. Pamela Culp	130pjc@gmail.com		I am a life long North Carolinian. Both major parties have gerrymandered during my 6+ decades of life. We, the people of this great state deserve nonpartisan voting district maps so that our votes count and are heard. This is a democracy which our elected officials are pledged to uphold. For the sake of our state, our country and future generations, do the right thing and let a nonpartisan fair process determine our voting districts. Thank you.
09/10/2019 02:40 PM	Ms. Gloria Brooks	brooksgloria@hotmail.com		i want to feel that elections are fair and my vote counts equally with everyone else's. Please make fair redistricting maps. Our democracy depends on it.
09/10/2019 02:40 PM	Ron Garcia	Nicamerican@gmail.com		Both parties have conspired to draw maps in their favor when in power. The court has demanded accountability, as a NC citizen I demand transparency, fairness, and equal representation in redrawing of the congressional maps.
09/10/2019 02:41 PM	Ms. Carol Perine	c.perine@snet.net		If the maps fairly represent the people, it becomes a bi-partisan issue. We need this to be true.
09/10/2019 02:43 PM	Craig Stogner	craigandlin@gmail.com		As a vet, please make sure that the new maps created are fair to all parties.
09/10/2019 02:44 PM	Rev. Dr. WILLIAM HENRY	mcelveencabin@gmail.com	Moravian Church in America	Please respect and honor the time honored promise to Americans that every vote should count and not be manipulated!
09/10/2019	Dr. Patricia	patricia.kelley.uncw@gmail.com		Please produce maps that are fair and not biased by partisan gerrymandering.

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02:44 PM	Kelley			
09/10/2019 02:45 PM	Mrs Tina Stanton	tinastanton44@gmail.com	Self employed	I am in strong support of fair elections for all North Carolinians. No more gerrymandering!
09/10/2019 02:46 PM	Robert Jordan	robertejiordan@bellsouth.net		Let's put this issue behind us once and for all. No more gerrymandering by either party.
09/10/2019 02:46 PM	Rev. Robert Field	rdfield@rocketmail.com		I am one of the people in North Carolina you represent, and I am asking sincerely -- in fact, I am URGING you -- to please seize this opportunity to make history in North Carolina. Make history for us and make us proud of our legislature by pursuing a genuinely non-partisan (or at least BI-partisan) re-districting process. The N.C. Supreme Court has given us a golden opportunity to not just say we want to be better, but actually do better. Please play your part in being and DOING better for all of us in N.C., regardless of political affiliation. With sincere gratitude, Robert D. Field
09/10/2019 02:47 PM	Ms. Virginia Nilles	atlas2841@gmail.com	None	It's time to get this done right and as fairly as possible. We all need to be assured our voices count and are heard. We cannot exclude people. That should not be who we are or who we become.
09/10/2019 02:48 PM	Linda Tatsapaugh	ltatsapaugh@gmail.com	Ms.	We finally have an opportunity to right the wrongs of both parties. It is imperative to me that our general assembly create Fair, unbiased, logical districts that are not related to anything partisan or prejudicial. Is citizens commission with unbiased data to drive decisions is probably our best option. please keep all parties and motives out of this process.
09/10/2019 02:48 PM	Mr. Zed Director	vjwolf@charter.net		Fair voting maps are a staple of American democracy- those who mess their accuracy and fairness are traitors to foundation of the USA.
09/10/2019 02:49 PM	self Katherine Rowe	kjrowe@bellsouth.net		Stop wasting the citizens time and get this done. It's been too long since we've had fair elections and North Carolina has been lopsided for a decade. Legislators who play fair and work together is the standard to which we should return.
09/10/2019 02:50 PM	Dustin Doing	doingdustin@gmail.com		I believe an independent body is required to redraw all maps in North Carolina due to the outrageous partisan and racial gerrymandering. Any packing or cracking used in the future will ultimately result in endless redrawing over the next ten years. The majority party must not meet in back rooms to redraw the maps, as has been done in the past. The requirements of the Voting Rights Act and Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment and debate from community members, academics, and other stakeholders must all be present for truly fair maps. This is the first step to rebuilding the NCGA as a democratic institution. People must pick their politicians, not the other way around.
09/10/2019 02:50 PM	Ms Peggy Moore	pegnolia@gmail.com		Fair and unbiased voting districts are critical to our democratic process in the United States. Law makers are elected to represent all of the people, not just those of a particular party. Designing districts to favor one party over another



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09/10/2019 02:51 PM	Dr Pamela Schwingl	pschwingl82@gmail.com		While you may be worried that fair maps may mean that republicans lose their majority in the state legislature, please keep in mind that you swore to uphold the constitution of the state. Please concur with the rulings of the NC Courts that warned about not using partisan data in your map making. Come up with ideas that will win you votes instead of having to break norms and rules by which civilized people live. This is what democracy at its best should look like.
09/10/2019 02:51 PM	Mrs. Elizabeth Carlson	Eecarlson2@gmail.com		Please support redistricting reform. It's best for democracy and all North Carolinians.
09/10/2019 02:54 PM	Mr. Larry Reed	lgreed3@gmail.com	Retired	It is critical that the General Assembly have an open, transparent, non-partisan process for redistricting the gerrymandered districts addressed by the recent district court case ruling the present gerrymandered maps as unconstitutional. The General Assembly has not undertaken a fair process to represent every North Carolina voter in the last decade. It is critical for the General Assembly to demonstrate that it can openly prepare and present for public review and comment a non-biased redistricting process. If not, the people will overcome the present non-representative, gerrymandered process and vote the power-hungry, anti-democratic pols out of office.
09/10/2019 02:55 PM	Mrs Barbara coulson	dixiespal@aol.com		It is in politicians' interest to draw maps that favor their reelection chances, which is why an independent commission should be appointed to draw fair maps. This should not be in your hands, whatever party you claim. Constituents should be selecting candidates, so we should have the choice, not someone who is pushed on us.
09/10/2019 02:55 PM	Ms. Henrietta Jenrette	rjstarbuck@aol.com	None	Our people will never believe in our democracy if they think their votes are being devalued. We must have the most fair and just voting districts as humanly possible to draw. North Carolina must stand proud and be a standard of such districts for the rest of the country
09/10/2019 02:55 PM	Dr. and Mrs. Michael Moore	michaelmoore@skybest.com		Time for unfair partisan gerrymandering to end. Will Republicans play fair for democratic representation?
09/10/2019 02:56 PM	Mr. Gregory (Greg) Weeks	gweeks1@nc.rr.com	Retired Superior Court Judge	It is time to set partisan politics aside. The people of our state are entitled to have fair maps drawn. For years both parties have engaged in pure politics. Please remember that we are a government "of the people, by the people and for the people." not partisan or special interests. As a judge I sent people to prison on a regular basis who had more character, more integrity and were better human beings than most politicians have demonstrated. Do your jobs or get out of office.
09/10/2019	Mrs. Peggy	real_folkie@yahoo.com		This process should be as open and transparent for us North Carolina citizens



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02:56 PM	Fry			<p>as it can possibly be. It has been a travesty that the North Carolina Republican Party has been using this extreme partisan gerrymandering to ensure they stay in power. They apparently don't even believe their own political arguments since they obviously felt they had to basically cheat to maintain a majority. I am 62 years old and was a Political Science major in college, so of course I am aware of the long history of gerrymandering and how both parties have engaged with it in the past. But i also know that most people don't realize how computer technology has allowed such precise, pin-pointing tampering with districts to the point where basically, the essential foundation of our one person, one vote democracy has been undermined. And yes, it is also true that in the past number of years, it has been the Republican Party, both here and across the country that has abused this technology and used it to draw such partisan, extreme districts. So I hope both parties will understand that for us citizens (no, believe it or not, we're not just "consumers"), this is NOT a partisan issue. Unlike so many of our political representatives, we are still naive and idealistic to the point where , no matter what party you may affiliate with, the majority of us all across the political spectrum want open and fair elections, meaning we want districts to never be drawn for political advantage, but want them drawn as accurately and fairly as possible. I hope the legislators will listen to us citizens on this one and take the right, moral and ethical steps to ensure that ALL of our votes count.</p> <p>Peggy Fry Wilmington, NC</p>
09/10/2019 02:56 PM	Mr Michael Hall	augusteve.mwhall@gmail.com		<p>Please stop gerrymandering districts to protect a Republican majority. It is wrong and many people suffer from this vote rigging. North Carolina deserves better and can do better. One person, one vote should be good enough for all of us. Racism or nationalism should not be considered in voting. The voting rights act is needed again in North Carolina. Enough is Enough.</p>
09/10/2019 02:57 PM	Mr. John Barnwell	john.g.barnwell@gmail.com	N.C. Department of Justice (Retired)	<p>Please respect the rule of law and follow the Court's orders in good faith. It is long past time when we return to government that is truly representative of the people governed, namely, that voters choose their legislators, not the other way around.</p> <p>-- John Barnwell, Ph.D., J.D.</p>
09/10/2019 02:59 PM	Mr Ted Frazer	fkassoc@aol.com		<p>I am watching very closely the results of this latest judicial request. I expect non partisan redistricting to be the goal of this process. Elections are coming and I will be strongly motivated to work against those who oppose fair maps!</p> <p>Ted Frazer</p>
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09/10/2019 03:01 PM	Irene Rosen	momirene2@gmail.com		Redistricting should be done with forethought, intelligence and fairness. Please do not redistrict thinking only of politics and re-election. Gerrymandering skews our rights as voters.
09/10/2019 03:01 PM	Dr. Melva Fager Okun	melvafokun@gmail.com	citizen	I desperately await democracy to return to North Carolina, where citizens can vote and do so in full confidence that their votes count vs. the system has been jerry-rigged so they don't count. I have attended the judge panels and heard the presentations. I know that fair maps exist and understand that a mixed group of judges have already drawn up such maps. From the 9th Congressional District previous election, we have much to be ashamed of - robbing democracy is no way to make your way to represent people. We need fair, unprejudiced maps. Show us you are capable of such.
09/10/2019 03:02 PM	Mr Lance Ashdown	lashdown@yahoo.com		Based on what I've read, the senate is trying to game the system yet again. Is anyone in the NC GOP capable of doing the right thing just because it is right? Seriously, putting forward ART POPE as a guarantor of partisan fairness? I'm appalled. Also, picking the 1000 maps that are most favorable to the GOP, and then "randomly" picking among them is a ridiculous proposal. Do you take the people for fools? NO POLITICIANS SHOULD BE DRAWING MAPS.
09/10/2019 03:02 PM	Stacy Stout	stacybrave@gmail.com		The people of NC deserve fair, sensible voting districts!
09/10/2019 03:04 PM	Suzanne DuChanois	Sduchanois@gmail.com	Citizen	Gerrymandering must stop. This should not be a partisan issue, but for some reason your Republican leadership still thinks you should choose your voters instead of voters choosing you. Stop wasting taxpayer money on court battles to string the process out over years. Get serious, get to work and draw fair maps. I am an unaffiliated voter who will never support a party that supports gerrymandering.
09/10/2019 03:06 PM	Ellen Wilson	ellenwilson29@gmail.com		I am very concerned about gerrymandering in our state, which leaves so many of us without true representation. I sincerely hope that the legislature will take a serious, thoughtful approach to redistricting that will finally provide us with fair maps. Ultimately, I think that drawing the maps should not be done by the legislature at all.
09/10/2019 03:07 PM	Mrs Wendy Nitsos	wnitsos@aol.com		It is critical to restore true democracy to our state to have non partisan and impartial maps redrawn. You are all elected to fairly represent the people of the state, which hasn't been done in years with all the gerrymandering and games being played by the General Assembly. So much has gone wrong here since this all began, including millions of dollars in business that won't be a part of a state run like this (recall the "bathroom" bill) and many of the best teachers

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				leaving the state, since they are so clearly not valued by this legislature. This redistricting is one of the most important issues facing us today and needs to be done fairly and be representative of the people in the state! This used to be a state I was proud to call home.....now we are living in a state that is no longer considered or run like a democracy! Shame on Phil Berger and Tim Moore!!
09/10/2019 03:07 PM	MR William McSherry	clintmcs@gmail.com	The Citizenry (your constituents)	PLEASE seriously consider creating an open, fair, transparent system of redistricting by using a CITIZENS COMMISSION to determine new maps! Fair elections must be maintained so that the public has faith in our electoral system. When one party is able to get fewer votes, yet have FAR more seats in the legislature, that is DE FACTO UNFAIR. For the sake of the country, democracy, and all that America stands for, PLEASE remove partisan politics, racial biases, socioeconomic status, and BIG money lobbying efforts from our electoral process. Thank you.
09/10/2019 03:07 PM	Mrs. Janet Kowal	pesch72el@gmail.com		We need fair districts that are not gerrymandered. Everyone's voice counts. The courts are watching you. Submit proposed districts that are fair.
09/10/2019 03:08 PM	ms Joan Parks	hmrefuge@gmail.com		North Carolina deserves to have all people represented fairly with their vote. Districts need to be non-partisan and not based on race. Each vote MUST count so people elect their officials.
09/10/2019 03:08 PM	Mrs. Laura Ballance	laura@mergerecords.com	n/a	It is very important that the decision of the State Supreme Court is taken seriously and that the new maps are drawn in such a manner not designed to give one party or the other favor. Gerrymandering has gone too far, and the people need fair districts drawn to help restore their faith in the electoral process.
09/10/2019 03:08 PM	Mr. Gary Kenton	garyskenton@gmail.com	Concerned Citizens for Redistricting Reform	Without fair, non-partisan maps, faith in democracy dies.
09/10/2019 03:12 PM	Sheryl Forbis	Skforbis@gmail.com	NC Church Women United	For the good of all North Carolinians, the new maps should be non-partisan, utilizing traditional redistricting standards: Compact, contiguous, keeping local governments and communities of interest whole. There should be bipartisan support that includes citizen participation and transparency. Maps should be made final on the commission's vote.
09/10/2019 03:13 PM	Mr. Tobias Berla	toby.berla@gmail.com		<p>I favor creating a non-partisan redistricting commission to take over this critical function. Short of that, the process should be driven by the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Prohibit the use of political data.</li> <li>- Do not draw districts to favor or disfavor political parties or incumbents.</li> <li>- Encourage competitiveness. District lines should be drawn in a way that increases interparty competitiveness.</li> </ul>

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09/10/2019 03:15 PM	Mrs Holly Grundheber	HSandTG@att.net		<p>I'm writing to ask that you support Senate Bill 673 — the "North Carolina Citizens Redistricting Commission" legislation sponsored by Senators Foushee, Smith, and Van Duyn.</p> <p>This redistricting reform bill would provide the "gold standard" for citizen-led independent redistricting. This new legislation would create an independent commission for map-making that emphasizes public input and transparency.</p> <p>Despite broad support for independent redistricting, for far too long NC's voting maps have been drawn behind closed doors to protect partisan interests.</p> <p>Please support this important Senate legislation that would put the voters' interests back into North Carolina's voting maps.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>
09/10/2019 03:16 PM	Mr. ROBERT CHERNIAK	robert@cherniak.org		I recommend a citizens' independent commission. It works in other states and it will put to rest suggestions of gerrymandering by either party.
09/10/2019 03:19 PM	Ms Patricia Clark	pat@lieberclark.com		Fair, impartial and transparent district mapping is critical to restoring confidence in our voting system. I do not think use of a lottery or lottery machine to select the map indicates the seriousness the issue deserves.
09/10/2019 03:23 PM	MR Gerald L Agliata	radiogla@gmail.com	GERALD L. AGLIATA	Your redistricting process must be fair. Using any type of lottery in this process is clearly not fair. I ask that you behave like an American that loves his country and wants to preserve the democratic process, not the Republican or Democratic Party process, but the Constitutional Process of one man one vote with clearly delineated election districts. Party politics should have no place in drawing election districts, it is time to end the years of election abuse.
09/10/2019 03:23 PM	Ms. Judith West	jdwest@comporium.net		<p>I hope you will respect the people of your district and the whole state and support non partisan redistricting. It's time to let the people choose their representatives and senators fairly.</p> <p>Please don't do "pay back".</p> <p>Thank you</p>
09/10/2019 03:25 PM	Mr. Michael Sileno	thestatelottery@gmail.com	- Select -	<p>It's long overdue to stop playing political games with voting maps. Gerrymandering is not democratic and only gives those in power more ways to rig elections. It's classist and racist. It also puts people with special interests that are not in our best interest in positions to continue to ruin our lives. Stop being plutocrat puppets and let us gain back more freedoms we've lost in this system. This should truly be an independent endeavor with oversight outside of politicians drawing maps to their advantage. We have plenty of professionals in fields needed to collaboratively and fairly draw election maps. We're also tired of paying for frivolous lawsuits challenge illegal maps, which</p>

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				are known before they even go to court.
09/10/2019 03:26 PM	Joshua Lobe	jwlobe@gmail.com		The boundaries of our voting districts are extremely important in protecting the ability of our government to function for the people. Districts must be fair and to look at the most recent maps, and many maps in the history of North Carolina's voting, there is obviously something wrong. Districts should not be spread across half the state. A representative's district should be as geographically succinct as possible and include broad swaths of communities and neighborhoods rather than snaking through areas with certain demographics. It is clear that the politicians in power should not be drawing the map, as it is much too easy to succumb to the temptation to hold onto political power by drawing unfair maps instead of performing the proper civic duty. For these reasons, an independent commission should be appointed to create the maps. It would also be helpful to set benchmarks into law that would make fair districts easier to create in the future, such as maximum distances from voters to the geographic center of a district. Another tool that should be used is GIS analysis to determine the smallest possible districts with the most equal apportionment of voters. Most importantly, party affiliation should not be considered when creating maps.
09/10/2019 03:27 PM	joanne comito	joannec28804@yahoo.com		I am tired of our state not being accurately represented because of the rampant gerrymandering. Make these maps fair and sensible!
09/10/2019 03:31 PM	Dr. Gracie Galloway	dr.gracie.galloway@gmail.com	AAP	We must have non-partisan or bi-partisan election committee drawing the maps. What you guys did with your redistricting was absolutely unconstitutional and unfair to North Carolinians who placed their trust in you to be fair and balanced.  Then you proceeded to bring us back to the stone ages with your "reforms". Aren't reforms supposed to be progressive? You instituted REGRESSIVE laws, sent our education system reeling, taxed the poor to give to the rich, and in general supported a traitorous president. You are all traitors.
09/10/2019 03:31 PM	Mrs. Ann Lenhardt	ann@normsfarms.com	Norm's Farms	Dear Members of the Senate Committee on Redistricting and Elections, It is my dearest hope that you will recognize the magnitude of the opportunity before you to restore the public's faith in our democracy. Gerrymandering by big data manipulation of the district maps has resulted in politicians choosing their voters, rather than the other way around. The current district maps essentially cut citizens out of their own government resulting in a corruption of our democracy. You have an opportunity to restore democracy to the citizens of North Carolina and to chart a course back to representative government, by creating fair, non-partisan districts that promote the competition of ideas, reward good work and responsiveness. Please, please, please, do not forget that we are all counting on you to do right by our founding fathers, right by the citizens of NC, and right for our future. Our future as a country depends upon

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09/10/2019 03:32 PM	George Elam	Elams@cyberport.net		A chance to set a precedent. Just make the maps fair.
09/10/2019 03:36 PM	Nancy Jones	Nbjsydling@aol.com		Finally, listen to the people and get a neutral map based on population , not political affiliation.
09/10/2019 03:38 PM	Ms. Diane Crompton	dicrompton@gmail.com	Self employed	I strongly support redistricting reform to eliminate partisan gerrymandering in current and future elections.
09/10/2019 03:40 PM	janeen gingrich	janeen.gingrich@gmail.com	self-employed	I am thrilled to hear this is finally happening. We clearly need a more even and fair system! Thank you for supporting this effort and big thanks especially to Jeff Jackson who has made this a priority since he started.
09/10/2019 03:42 PM	Ms. Ruth Wells	rg.wells27@yahoo.com	North Carolina citizen	North Carolina citizens have been dealing with gerrymandered state maps for nine years, first from illegal racial gerrymandering and then from highly politically partisan gerrymandering. I am tired of legislators picking their citizens rather than citizens picking their legislators. I do not trust those who are making the maps because they have not been trustworthy in the past. The court needs to watch the selection of maps closely and make sure that they are fair. The citizens of North Carolina deserve free and fair elections.
09/10/2019 03:43 PM	Mrs. Susan Presson	sdpresson@gmail.com	Buncombe County Democratic Party	Please allow for fair elections where we choose our legislators, not that they manipulate their voters.
09/10/2019 03:46 PM	Mrs Kristen Allen	Metalpetalska@gmail.com		Thank you to the judge that will finally get justice for N.C. constituents, by creating more fair and uniform districts, that are not subject to gerrymandering to control election outcomes. Our forefathers would roll in their graves over this even having been allowed, what a shameful and racist slap! Hoping that election laws will further protect these new maps, may this be a step forward for integrity within the NC system. May our voices truly be heard now!
09/10/2019 03:48 PM	Mr. Robert McNeill	rhayesmccneill@gmail.com	none-- retired	After the series of bad maps, North Carolina is under scrutiny. This means businesses and institutions will make decisions about whether to locate or to expand operations in our State. Fairness and equity is essential for the well-being and the reputation of our state. Lawmakers have a chance to correct the political back-and-forth which has been prevalent for decades. Do the right thing for North Carolina.
09/10/2019 03:49 PM	Ms. Diane Chadwell	dchadwell7@aol.com		I want to see an independent, apolitical panel determine districts based strictly on population and an equitable population number and acceptable locations of available voting places. The redistricting decisions should be in effect for ten years or until a district reaches a 15% change based on any public data.
09/10/2019 03:49 PM	Dr. James Clark	jclark14@nc.rr.com	Barton College (Professor	I strongly support a citizens' independent commission as part of the redistricting reform process. It is long past time to make voting in North

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			Emeritus)	Carolina fair and truly representative. Maps should never again be drawn by "the party in power."
09/10/2019 03:52 PM	My vote should count Cindy Sellers	Cindysellers49@aol.com	NC Retired school personnel	It's time we picked our representatives instead of partisan districts where our votes don't count! It's time for change to level the playing field! Be fair!
09/10/2019 03:54 PM	Ms Doris Walker	dmowalker@gmail.com	Not employed	We need maps that give each citizen a say in who their representatives are.
09/10/2019 03:56 PM	Phillip Scaggs	phil@scaggsmail.com		I'm ready for district maps that fairly represent the people of North Carolina. Gerrymandering needs to end today.
09/10/2019 03:57 PM	Christopher Malcolm	chrismalcolm62@gmail.com		Please support passing Senate bill 763.
09/10/2019 03:59 PM	Dr Gavin Dillard	gavco@me.com		Please fix this. And let's get some of these crazy, corrupt, no-nothing goobers out of office.
09/10/2019 04:03 PM	Mrs Iris Carman	icarman@2carmans.com	NA	I support redistricting reform now, especially in the form of a citizens' independent commission. The gerrymandering must stop now! Create fair and competitive districts establishing the lines by an independent commission made up of members who work independently of political parties and pressures from those parties.
09/10/2019 04:06 PM	Linda Smathers	lindasmathers@hotmail.com		After the ruling from the three-judge state court panel that North Carolina has unfair, partisan, gerrymandered districts that must be redrawn immediately, I strongly urge you to consider your responsibility to the voters of our state and create a set of fairly drawn maps by the September 18 deadline. Thank you.
09/10/2019 04:07 PM	Ms Erin Carrier	Ehcarrier@gmail.com		Please ensure that maps are fair, non partisan, not discriminatory based on minority or other special populations, and allow each vote to count equally.
09/10/2019 04:10 PM	Holly Reiling	tereiling@yahoo.com		I urge fair maps drawn by impartial committee. Take partisan politics OUT of legislative districts. Let each voter have equal opportunity!
09/10/2019 04:18 PM	Erica Shirts	erica.shirts@gmail.com		Please arrange the maps so that no votes are wasted. No elected official should be elected by a super majority percentage, as this shows partisan redistricting. Please keep our democracy a true democracy.
09/10/2019 04:26 PM	Carrie Frye	hihicarriefrye@gmail.com		I'm commenting today as a state constituent who believes strongly in the importance of fair maps. There's an opportunity ahead for North Carolina, and I urge you to use it to establish an independent citizens commission to lead the redistricting process.
09/10/2019 04:27 PM	Nona Walker	kropwalk@gmail.com		We need fairly drawn election districts or our "democracy" is a sham.
09/10/2019 04:27 PM	Duane Scaggs	duane@scaggsmail.com	Citizen	Regardless of dominant party, the districts of North Carolina should be such that political partisan bias is not part of redistricting process. The people of North Carolina deserve fair representation regardless of party affiliation. A



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				process that creates a non-partisan group of qualified citizens to be responsible for redistricting would be ideal.
09/10/2019 04:38 PM	Mr. Peter Larson	pwmlarson@hotmail.com		This is all long overdue! As a result, incumbency should not be considered in the process - these people hold office by means of unconstitutional maps.
09/10/2019 04:39 PM	Mr. Bryan Shoemaker	brshoemaker@bellsouth.net		I would like to see Northern Iredell County moved back in to a district with Davie. Southern Iredell should be its own district or with Mecklenburg which shares similar demographics.
09/10/2019 04:42 PM	Lynn Bennett	lcb528nc@aol.com		Having non partisan maps is critical to a democracy. North Carolina citizens want fair and free elections where gerrymandering does not exist. It can be done, done fairly, and without outside influences or lobbying. Answer our concerns by doing what is fair and correct. Make maps that do not divide universities, neighborhoods, communities. as the current maps do.
09/10/2019 04:56 PM	Hannah Strom	stromhan@gmail.com		<p>Hello,</p> <p>I am a Raleigh resident, and I am writing about the new North Carolina maps. Maps should be redrawn so that communities of color are fairly represented. The new maps should not give either political party an unfair advantage. The new map should be drawn with care, and it should not be picked through a lottery system.</p> <p>Sincerely, Hannah Strom</p>
09/10/2019 05:03 PM	1960 WILLIAM WHEATON	gisgeek@nc.rr.com	Self	<p>Previous incumbents were elected from illegal district boundaries. It is unfair and goes against the intent of the court ruling to use the maps that include a measure of incumbency in drawing the boundaries. Those maps should not be used. Only the maps that are unbiased with respect to prior elections should be used. This is an unfortunate continuing example of the party in power attempting to play games with our democratic process.</p> <p>Even Ronald Reagan found political gerrymandering to be un-American. Reagan wrote, "That's all we're asking for: an end to the antidemocratic and un-American practice of gerrymandering congressional districts . . . . In California, one of the worst cases of gerrymandering in the country, Republicans received a majority of votes in congressional races, but the Democrats won 60 percent more races. The fact is gerrymandering has become a national scandal." – President Ronald Reagan (R). Reagan's example of California shows how completely non-partisan this issue is-- Democrats did it there and Republicans do it here. No matter which party is in power they will try to create gerrymandered districts.</p>

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				Please do the right thing for democracy and America, don't play games with these new districts. Don't use prior incumbency as criteria for new boundaries.
09/10/2019 05:04 PM	Mr David Walsh	iamdavewalsh@gmail.com		I support an independent commission to draw voting districts since the legislature has demonstrated it is incapable of doing so in a non- partisan manner. I am watching your current process with great interest to ensure you comply with the court mandate
09/10/2019 05:07 PM	Mr. John Sopper	jrsopper@hotmail.com		Stop partisan gerrymandering. Put democracy over party. Not only is it the right thing to do, it is the only way to legitimate government . Illegitimate regimes don't survive. The citizens who love this country are watching.
09/10/2019 05:11 PM	Holbert Myers	myers.bert99@gmail.com		During this needlessly protracted process there have been reasonable, fair and nonpartisan model district maps prepared by qualified experts. Your responsibility is to represent the best interests of all your constituents. Gather verifiable data and do-able models. Cooperatively deliberate on how best to serve all the people of North Carolina. Develop U.S. Congressional District maps that will assure that everyone is fairly represented as provided for in the U.S. and North Carolina Constitutions.
09/10/2019 05:22 PM	Mrs. Kathleen Eaton	sce9590@verizon.net		As a Republican who despises what has been going on in our government, I want to see an independent committee made up of an equal number of members from both parties as well as a number of private citizens that equal the number of politicians included that will redraw the electoral districts in a way that is fair to all. And it must be a transparent system that is used.
09/10/2019 07:14 PM	Joshua Brown			Please don't try to "protect incumbents," instead of focusing on fair and objectively sensible maps as the higher priority while redrawing our State House and State Senate Districts. Maps that make sense are a long-term issue, whereas the concern for putting incumbents within the same District is an issue that will be resolved by our next Election, under what I hope are maps that treat all North Carolinians equally, regardless of Race, Party Affiliation, Voting History, etc.
09/10/2019 07:16 PM	mr. Christopher lee	chris.lee@ncleg.gov	ncga	Test senate request
09/10/2019 07:16 PM	Mrs. Carole Schaefer	everglory4@gmail.com		Save our Democracy and do the right thing. Stop voter manipulation and let's have a real election.
09/10/2019 07:16 PM	Ms. Tamara Sanders	tamarab.sanders@gmail.com		I would like to see an intentional focus (not a lottery-style choosing system) on determining fair redistricting maps.
09/10/2019 07:21 PM	karen fowle	kfowle@triad.rr.com		Please have a non-partisan person draw the map. The gentleman that drew the 1000 maps should make the decision -not a lottery machine!
09/10/2019 07:32 PM	Mrs Betsy Webster	betsywebster0@gmail.com		Fair and balanced voting districts for NC, it's about time

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09/10/2019 07:36 PM	Robert Dellinger	Bobdellinger67@gmail.com	Public citizen	I am hearing that Republicans are trying to bully their positions to maintain their position on the map controversy. It's time for political posturing to stop! Please work for the people. Draw maps that are fair and that do not not discriminate. I know in the current political climate it's hard to work in fairness for the overall electorate but it's time to do just that. The Trump factor has divided both family and country. It's now time for turn and honest Americans to stand up for what is right, and the honest and fair drawing of these maps is a first step for NC.
09/10/2019 07:46 PM	Mary McInerney	marymcinerney@hotmail.com		Districts must be drawn along actual population lines, not party convenience. To win elections, come up with good ideas instead of stacking the deck so you win without regard for the will of the electorate.
09/10/2019 07:58 PM	ms. tamara strickland	tam.bellflower@gmail.com		We need redistricting reform in N.C. now . Voting needs to be fair. The people of N.C. do not deserve fraudulent activities during elections.
09/10/2019 07:59 PM	Joshua Tucker			Please end Gerrymandering. Draw the maps fairly and accurately to represent all North Carolinians.
09/10/2019 08:11 PM	Dr Donna Newman	dnewman27606@yahoo.com		Any non-serious attempt at redrawing our maps fairly is merely a delay tactic, with which Republicans are hoping to eke out yet another round of voting using biased maps to stay in power before the suing begins all over again. Do not allow a politically-biased person on the map-drawing committee nor approve an unfair result!
09/10/2019 08:23 PM	Ms Gina Bates	star3609@aol.com	N/A	BLOCK ALL GERRYMANDERING!
09/10/2019 08:30 PM	mr Charlie winter	charliecsw1949@aol.com		I would like to see the remedial maps be drafted so they are fairer for voting
09/10/2019 08:40 PM	Dr Joseph Tanzini	joe_tanzini@yahoo.com		Fair maps are critical for fair and legal elections. They need to be drawn by an independent nonpartisan procedure without the dirty tricks that have so often been applied by our legislators.
09/10/2019 09:04 PM	Mrs Stephanie Wilson	Stephaniedecasa@gmail.com	NC CITIZEN	DO IT RIGHT THIS TIME AND KEEP ART POPE AWAY FROM THE PROCESS! ENSURE A BIPARTISAN PROCESS IS PUBLICALLY DOCUMENTED AND KEEP NC FAIR - EVERY. VOTE. COUNTS!
09/10/2019 09:25 PM	Mr. Cory Finneron	coryfinneron@gmail.com		Maps should not take into account incumbents address, as the previous maps were judged illegal. Democrats and Republicans should nominate an independent group, so that if Democrats take charge they do not simply repeat the Republican power grab of the last decade. This has been an ongoing power struggle for years, and the group in charge never wants to do the right thing. Partisan gerrymandering just doesn't make sense for democracy.
09/10/2019 09:25 PM	3036233703 Michelle Soule	michsoule@aol.com		I demand fair and honorable maps to accurately reflect the constituency of NC.

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09/10/2019 09:38 PM	Ms Rasheeda Smith	deesmithfromnc@gmail.com		I live in an area that is so badly gerrymandered I can literally walk five minutes to where part of the gerrymander's borders are. The gerrymander cuts through my county and I can't vote for candidates in my own county campaigning for offices such as local educational boards. I would very much like to vote for candidates for education and other local boards in my county again, and I urge the Senate to stop making us once again a national target of derision and to draw fair maps, not a power grab for the GOP.
09/10/2019 09:55 PM	Carrboro Community Health Julie Bond-Meers	lustron1@gmail.com		"One Wo/Man One vote." It's wrong, not to mention unconstitutional, for the political party to choose the voters. The VOTERS CHOOSE! That's the American way...
09/10/2019 10:01 PM	Leona Whichard	lpwhichard@bellsouth.net	League of Women Voters	The court has ruled that partisan gerrymandering is illegal. Furthermore, voting districts should be compact and should not rely on the voting records in past elections. The public will be watching. Districts must be drawn, not in such a way that elected officials are choosing their constituents, but so that citizens have a fair chance to elect representatives who will be responsive to them. We need an impartial commission to draw voting districts.
09/10/2019 10:13 PM	Sean Pratt	crazyninjamaster@gmail.com		Don't start with the maps that take into account incumbency. The incumbent members are all incumbent from unconstitutional maps. They should disregard where current or former members live. They shouldn't use that data at all unless perhaps a district line happens to go through their street. Or maybe don't use that data at all. Make this a truly fair and open process which will benefit everyone who lives or will live in North Carolina.
09/10/2019 10:13 PM	Ms. Elisabeth Motsinger	Elisabeth.motsinger@gmail.com	WSFC Board of Education	Non partisan districts are fair districts. Our elected bodies would serve our people better if they ran in competitive districts where the best candidate could actually win regardless of party.
09/10/2019 10:24 PM	Fair Districts Fair Maps John Harvey	Jyharvey6@gmail.com	Constituent	The maps we have now are clearly partisan and racially based. Our districts need to be drawn without consideration of party or race, but with consideration to each district's geographic location. This is an issue not only with the NC Senate's current districts, but with the NC House as well as our US House districts. Take NC-3 (US Congress) why is Pitt County split? Why isn't all of Pitt in NC-03? Why aren't several counties in NE ENC included in this district? Why are parts of places like Greenville & Bertie Co. in the same district (NC-01) as Durham? ENC & the Triangle face different issues, and should not be split up and divided to give one party an advantage over another. Just as Buncombe County is split in two, dispersing the Democratic vote into two separate districts, the same is done in the Triad (Greensboro, Winston-Salem, High

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				Point) and in the Charlotte area — districts are drawn for the sole purpose of political gain. It is urgent for our state and the state of our democracy here in North Carolina that all members of the NC House & Senate draw our districts FAIRLY and NONPARTISAN! Voters must be able to choose their representatives, not the other way around!
09/10/2019 11:01 PM	Mr Nick Divitci	ltechg@gmail.com	Retired	Please design compact districts to have competitive elections so people can have a chance to compare good ideas and candidates.
09/10/2019 11:20 PM	PAUL Strop	arbolitopaul@aol.com	citizen	Please, let's have fair maps
09/10/2019 11:20 PM	Erik Parsels	erikeparsels@gmail.com		While I applaud all efforts to restrict or eliminate manipulation of the redistricting process for partisan gain, I would like to point out that even politically neutral districts deliver unrepresentative and skewed legislative representation, since the single-member-district system only allows for a single party's candidate to "represent" all the voters in any given district. All voters whose candidates do not win are essentially deprived of representation, and voters are heavily pressured to vote based on the size of the parties rather than on how closely they agree with the party's proposed policy agenda. As I see it, the only way to introduce some measure of fairness into the electoral process is to institute a form of proportional representation in place of first-past-the-post single-member-district voting. International experience shows that proportional representation constructs legislatures that are much more representative of the racial, gender, partisan, religious, age, and economic identity mix of the electorate. I seriously urge the committee to consider solving the important difficulties involved in redistricting by switching to proportional representation.
09/10/2019 11:33 PM	Dr. Derrick Miller	derrick.r.miller@gmail.com		On first inspection, the Bladen - Brunswick - New Hanover - Pender base map appears to be more logical to me as a resident of the "Wilmington Notch" (and plaintiff in this case). We are returned to our city and the rest of our precinct rather than cut out of them and artificially attached to Brunswick County across the Cape Fear River. Community-wise and culture-wise, we are quite distinct. The northern precincts are a closer, more organic fit to Pender County (and the others) than we are to Brunswick (and the others), and they do not need to be split off from their municipality.
09/10/2019 11:39 PM	Jonathon Beall	Hoodedtardis09@gmail.com		Can you people please stop gerrymandering Guilford County. Cutting a hole in the middle of the county when it is wrapped around by another district (which has yet another piece of it cut out to feed into Randolph) is absurd. A+ for stupidity, C- for fair districts.
09/10/2019 11:39 PM	P Conder	Pconder7@roadrunner.com		Still looks wonky.
09/10/2019	Ms. Jennifer	smyth.jennifer@gmail.com		Once again, the map makers have split a historic community of interest in

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11:48 PM	Smyth			Northeastern NC. Halifax, Bertie, Northampton, Hertford, and Gates counties are tied together with familial, economic, and historical bonds. Nearly everyone down here has family in multiple counties in the region; many of us go to church in a county different than where we live; some of these churches even share pastors. We work and shop in counties other than we live, too. We share judges and District Attorneys, and we share an economic status that is quite different from counties to our east, who can rely on a tourist economy to supplement farming as an industry. Why, then, are Hertford and Gates counties split from this community of interest in this Senate map, if not to weaken our voices, which we know are stronger when we get to speak together? Why are map makers determined to split us from this community of interest, and how do they keep getting away with it? That last question is rhetorical - we're talking about a region that is primarily poor and minoritized - that's both why the NCGA keeps trying this, and how they get away with it - no one in the rest of the state cares because we are small, poor, and minoritized. What you all do to us in order to facilitate your political goals is shameful. You'll do what you will; I'm under no illusion that you'll actually listen to what any of us (who don't have direct access to lobby you) have to say. I just wanted you to know we see you, and that you should be ashamed.
09/11/2019 01:03 AM	Daniel Gottlieb	daniel.e.gottlieb@gmail.com		Using incumbency maps from 2011 and 2017 and not including 2018 is inherently biased towards Republicans and goes against the ethos of the court ordered redistricting. Do better!
09/11/2019 02:10 AM	Mrs Sharon OKelley	flopeared@aol.com		We are putting our trust in you to draw a fair map that won't give an advantage to either political party. All we the people of NC want is for our votes to count and for elections to be fair to all.
09/11/2019 03:39 AM	RCDP Roxanne Griffin	rmgriffin.rcdp@outlook.com		The practice of gerrymandering is long overdue for being made illegal, as it undermines the integrity of elections. When legislators (regardless of party) are able to pick who gets to vote for them, it devalues the very core of our constitutions, state and federal, by weighting one set of voters above another. This must end. I encourage each and every NC Legislator to do their best to conform to the court decision that State Legislative districts for the 2020 elections be redrawn without partisan bias. I also encourage every NC Legislator to go beyond this and take up legislation to end the practice of gerrymandering in our state. At a time when the outcome of the next election is likely to favor one party as the other, now is the time to act. Due your duty. Protect yourselves and protect voters, by eliminating this vile practice so voters can trust elections and our state can be freed from unnecessary future litigation costs. Thank you.
09/11/2019 04:59 AM	Ms Virginia Woodhouse	virginia.woodhouse@gmail.com		Let's take pride in the fact that our state court panel has issued of a ruling that North Carolina's General Assembly districts are unlawful partisan gerrymanders under our state constitution. Please support redistricting reform

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				now . Let's make NC democratic again - in the fair sense of 1 person/ 1 vote. Thank you.
09/11/2019 06:50 AM	Dr Gray Clark	grayydawg@gmail.com	Presbyterian Church of the Cross	Please do not split the ncat campus. Greensboro as a whole should be in one district
09/11/2019 07:12 AM	Ms. Terry Buehner	earthnwearwhisper@gmail.com	Taxpayer	Please- do not use any bias methods to redistrict North Carolina. Avoid using partisanship methods. One way to do this is to research methods used in North Carolina's past that were fair and unbiased. Also can research other states that have fair and unbiased districting policies.
09/11/2019 07:28 AM	Sharon Withrow	sharon.b.withrow@gmail.com		North Carolinians of all political affiliations deserve non-partisan electoral districts. Constituents should choose their legislators--legislators should not choose their constituents. Gerrymandering not only promotes extremism and inflexibility, it undermines faith in the entire electoral process. Using the electoral system to achieve change in a peaceful, legal way is a small c-conservative idea, and deliberately depriving citizens of that ability will ultimately come back to haunt you.
09/11/2019 07:34 AM	Diane Wallis	deewallis@aol.com		I am watching this process with great interest. I very much hope that you will move in the direction of fair districts to allow fair elections. I see from yesterday's special elections that citizens are not pleased with the direction our government has taken in the last ten years. I see this outrage increasing until the legislature responds appropriately.
09/11/2019 08:07 AM	Mr. Marc Pendergast	george@rcukes.com		The voting public would like fair maps that do not explicitly benefit either Democrats or Republicans. I would also like to see maps that help more people vote more easily. The heart of democracy is the right to vote. Traditional voter turnout numbers are an absolute embarrassment. It is considerably past time to fix this problem.
09/11/2019 08:27 AM	Susan Trabka	s.trabka@frontier.com	retired NC public school teacher	I support HB 827 to establish a citizens commission for redistricting. We need total transparency & representation from all parties, including unaffiliated voters, instead of legislators in control of this process.
09/11/2019 08:50 AM	Ms. Darla Hatfield	kimhatfield53@yahoo.com		Let's re-draw these maps scientifically, mathematically. We cannot leave this important task to chance or lottery. At the same time it must not be done in a partisan manner.  Please see the pdf document here as a guide: <a href="https://static1.squarespace.com/static/50e8abdce4b0404f376dbe62/t/5be599e1cd836678e91c52eb/1541773802504/CLEC-11-8-18.pdf">https://static1.squarespace.com/static/50e8abdce4b0404f376dbe62/t/5be599e1cd836678e91c52eb/1541773802504/CLEC-11-8-18.pdf</a>
09/11/2019 09:10 AM	Ms. Adrienne Kirschner	kirschner.adrienne@gmail.com	private citizen	Fair maps is not a partisan issue. If you believe in Democracy--and I really hope you do--then you will support a fair and transparent redistricting process. To be frank, considering a 1,000 maps and using a literal lottery system to select



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09/11/2019 09:25 AM	Ms Carolyn Hackney	chackney@ccvn.com		Citizens of North Carolina are guaranteed the right to a fair vote. For too many years gerrymandering has deprived significant numbers of citizens of this right. It's past time to correct this wrong. DO YOUR JOB.
09/11/2019 09:29 AM	Mr. Shaun Murphy	pnuash8@gmail.com		- i would like to submit that the republican MINORITY start working on gaining members so that they can LEGITIMATELY gain what they want. because they know that the majority of people in this state/country are democrats, they continue to pursue illegal, evil, selfish and unfair tactics to get what THEY want, not what a majority of the citizens of this state/country want. BIPARTISANSHIP may never return,.....but the semblance of just a SMALL amount of give and take would be refreshing and it is necessary.
09/11/2019 09:30 AM	Jean Marie Luce	jeanmarieluce@hotmail.com		Please insure that the new maps are fair to all constituents. Thank you
09/11/2019 09:45 AM	Mrs. Natalie Brooks	nbrooks79line@gmail.com	Concerned Citizen of North Carolina	<p>To: The Members of the N.C. Senate</p> <p>It is only fair to redrawn the maps so that they reflect a fair an equitable opportunity for those residing in every district in North Carolina to elect candidates of their choice. This can not occur if district maps are drawn in such a manner that unfairly favors one party or candidate over another.</p> <p>If there is confidence in the policies, skill set, demeanor and character of any candidate vying for any office then it should be those major criteria that should determine if a particular candidate has won the "will of the people" and deserves to serve because he or she was duly and most importantly fairly elected by the citizens of North Carolina.</p> <p>Members of the Senate, I represent to you if you feel that YOU must gerrymander and draw maps that will favor one candidate or party over another then can YOU confirm that you truly have all the confidence in candidates that require gerrymandered districts to win? I THINK NOT! and if that is the case, should that person(s) be allowed to hold any office in the state of North Carolina? I KNOW NOT! In the words of tennis great Serena Williams, " If I have to cheat to win, I rather lose!" To me, redrawing maps to favor one person or party over another IS absolutely cheating. Why? Because you are cheating the citizens of our state out of the opportunity to live in a district with fairly drawn map line which would allow for a fair and equitable election thereby allowing candidates and the citizens to know the "will of the people."</p> <p>If one party or person wins over another where there are fairly drawn district</p>

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				line then everyone knows and should accept the "will of the people". That is what should drive N.C.'s elections; "The Will of The People" and nothing more. All people of integrity no matter the party affiliation would and should agree with that sentiment!! N.C. Senators, I submit to you that. "The Will of the People Should Speak Loud and Clear In Every Election"
09/11/2019 09:50 AM	Susan Trabka	s.trabka@frontier.com	retired NC public school teacher	I already posted earlier urging support of House Bill 827. I just learned that Senate Bill 673 would create an independent citizen's redistricting commission that is transparent and has broad public representation. I fully support this bill as well.
09/11/2019 10:09 AM	Alice Collett	alicecollett2017@gmail.com		I am pleased that the courts have stepped in to right the system we have been trying to perpetuate. Make this redrawing fair to all citizens of NC
09/11/2019 10:11 AM	Susan Southard	ssouthard@cox.net		It is absolutely imperative that NC become a democracy by establishing fair and equitable voting districts to allow every vote to count. Thank you.
09/11/2019 10:20 AM	Gayle Kemp	gaylekemp@gmail.com	Retired Attorney	<p>I am deeply concerned that our Democracy and the right to vote is disappearing. I urge the General Assembly to closely follow the criteria laid out in the Lewis Court's opinion and to not prolong the process for political purposes. It is also important to fix this issue with a new system that has an independent citizen committee making the district maps in the future. The two bills in the Senate that call for that are both good. They allow for transparent citizen input and, ultimately, take the drawing of district maps out of the hands of politicians who have a vested interest in keeping themselves and their party in power. Please do the right thing and give our citizens the hope that they need that their votes matter and that our Democracy can be strong again with everyone's involvement and investment.</p> <p>I will also add that the current bill being touted around the state as "real reform", HB 140, is not real reform. It is not a transparent process and, finally, allows the politicians to draw their own districts, all protected by a Constitutional amendment. This is not the answer. Bipartisan support does not mean that it is the best answer to the gerrymandering issue, it is not even a good answer. The fact that the author of Redmap, Art Pope, is pushing this after all the evidence presented in the Lewis Court's opinion, should be the plainest proof that HB 140 is not what we need. Again, please do the right thing and take the politicians out of the process and establish an independent citizen commission to draw the district maps.</p>
09/11/2019 10:29 AM	Eleanor Wertman	eleanor.wertman@gmail.com		I am a North Carolinian and a voter. I write to urge the committee to pursue a redistricting process that, consistent with the NC Superior Court ruling, is public, nonpartisan, and data-driven. While the current political districts are drawn to ensure Republican control of the General Assembly, ensuring fair maps in our state should be of concern to voters of any party affiliation.

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				Partisan gerrymandering threatens the integrity of our democracy and violates our state constitution's electoral protections. Anything less than a thoughtful, nonpartisan redistricting process is an insult to North Carolina voters and to the most fundamental principles of our democratic government. History will not be kind to legislators who prioritize partisan political trickery over serving the needs of ALL North Carolinians.
09/11/2019 10:43 AM	DR milton spann	bunkspann@bellsouth.net		A FAIR AND BALANCED MAP WILL SERVE ALL PARTIES AND THE VOTERS WITH CONFIDENCE THAT THEIR VOTE IS WORTH CASTING.PLEASE DON'T SCREW THIS UP WITH PARTISAN BEHAVIOR..THANKS FOR LISTENING
09/11/2019 10:43 AM	Carol Owens	cecowens@gmail.com		As a citizen of North Carolina for most of my life (now 67), every citizen's vote must count fairly disregarding their party affiliation. This is a must in our democracy! If this can't happen by elected officials, then this process needs to be moved to a non-partisan 3rd party and then viewed by all affected citizens before taking effect.
09/11/2019 10:58 AM	Renee Mazurek	reneemaz@gmail.com		I want to see a redraw that is fairly distributed and carefully selected (not by lottery machines!). People deserve to know that their vote counts.
09/11/2019 11:03 AM	Virginia D'Ercole	dercolev@bellsouth.net		I am 77 years old and have never been as disgusted with our state legislators as I am these days. One of the most important rights we have as Americans is the right to vote and in your horrendous gerrymandering, (( am talking to Republican leadership and members) you are taking away that right. You have been given a number of opportunities to make it right and yet you can't seem to get it right! We need a committee that is non-partisan to draw the new maps. Stop playing political games and make it fair for all citizens of North Carolina!!
09/11/2019 11:15 AM	mrs Cindy Castevens	cjc648@yahoo.com		This should be a priority for both sides of the aisle, to make voting fair and just for every voter. Otherwise, what was all of the blood, sweat and tears for in creating this country with its ideals? This should be not only for the state offices, but for federal offices as well.
09/11/2019 11:20 AM	DAN E. BENNETT	dbennett@triad.rr.com		You need to use apolitical maps for your baseline. After the Congressional Districts have been established, you and adjust said maps to reflect incumbency. It would be far better if this attempt was apolitical and that all future redistricting would a apolitical.
09/11/2019 11:38 AM	Broker Chuck Schroeder	cschroeder@fmrealty.com	Fonville Morisey Realty	It is about time you stop the crap of wrongfully rearranging the maps in these and all districts. The Republican Party has rigged it for years. It is time for equality for ALL.....  Thank you
09/11/2019 12:16 PM	Patricia Rieser	prieser@me.com		Recommend Nathaniel Persily as an independent referee, not Art Pope (partisan) or Gerry Cohen (not his area of expertise). Engage in a truly bipartisan process.

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				<p>Dr. Chen's maps were not drawn in a public process and not for this purpose, so there are issues in using them as a base.</p> <p>Establish a NC Citizens Redistricting Commission, SB 673.</p> <p>This morning's budget veto override vote in the House is shocking, even by the low standards we've come to expect from this body since 2011.</p>
09/11/2019 12:45 PM	Mrs. Dorothy Schneider	gram2u2@yahoo.com		<p>Please. Every person in our country should have the same right to having their representation be voted upon fairly. Please end the gerrymandering that is in place now and prevent it from happening on either side of the political spectrum in the future. I am counting on your sense of fairness and decency. Thank you</p>
09/11/2019 01:07 PM	Mr. Tom Redinger	GatorTomR@gmail.com		<p>We need an independent commission that bases redistricting on natural population centers and rural districts without regard to party affiliation of voters within those districts. The will of the majority needs to be accurately reflected by the spread of districts across the state rather than having the political party that happens to be in power at the right time be able to contort district lines to favor their party.</p>
09/11/2019 02:09 PM	Mr. Jim Aycock	jimaycock38@gmail.com		<p>The new Senate District 48 seems to strengthen Chuck Edwards rather than accomplish the court mandate as to this egregious district. A rural arc east of Asheville (admittedly including Black Mountain) seems to add to his strength while cutting south Asheville would seem to drop out Democrats.</p>
09/11/2019 02:57 PM	Carolyn Miller	miller@ncsu.edu		<p>Please be fair to all of the state's voters. .</p> <p>Thank you. Carolyn Miller</p>
09/11/2019 03:19 PM	Jeanne Robinson	Jeanne@jeannerobinson.com		<p>I strongly urge the NC Senate to create fair election maps. History has shown that there has been unfair partisanship in the drawing of these maps. As a citizen of NC, I expect my Senate to do the right thing and ensure NC has fair representative election maps.</p>
09/11/2019 03:35 PM	Ms Elizabeth Hill	liz@lizhill.net		<p>In looking at the draft districts I was dismayed to see the new lines for District 49. It looks to me like you are packing it with Republican voters. This is the same old gerrymandered game, it does not appear to be a bi-partisan redistricting as mandated by the court. I am a voter in the 48th district, adjacent to the 49th. I hope the judges who review these lines see what is going on and prevent the lines from being drawn this way.</p>
09/11/2019 03:41 PM	Lorraine Luoma	anelorraine@verizon.net		<p>Voters in North Carolina deserve legitimate elections. It is incumbent on you as the committee responsible for redistricting and administering elections to develop fair districts that truly reflect the will and voice of the ALL the people of our state.</p>

The actions of the committee yesterday utilizing a lottery system to select

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09/11/2019 03:41 PM	Ben Halfhill			<p>God willing, the 2020 election, along with new maps, will sweep the current Republican legislators out of office. Suggesting that Republicans draw lines that represent the political will in this state is a pipe dream. They have proven they will do anything to preserve power for their party. Therefore, I pray to God that the current Republicans in office are swept out in the next election so that a new group of legislators can draw district lines that fairly and accurately reflect the will of this state's citizens.</p> <p>Ben Halfhill Belmont, NC</p>
09/11/2019 03:46 PM	Stephen Spaeth	sspaeth@ymail.com		<p>Senators: Please, please, please! For the good of North Carolina and the nation stop playing childish political games with citizens' right to valid representation. There are many ways to draw fair, nonpartisan district maps. Put democracy above party and choose one NOW! (I'd love to see algorithmic selection of say the 50 candidate maps with least partisan metrics, then a nonpartisan commission to choose from the candidates. But for 2020 how about honestly following the courts instructions?)</p>
09/11/2019 05:58 PM	Ms. Carol Perine	c.perine@snet.net		<p>We need fair representative maps in our voting districts for the people. A bi-partisan effort needs to support this action.</p>
09/11/2019 06:23 PM	Ms. Stacye Leanza	leanza.s@icloud.com		<p>We are watching! And counting on you all to act IN GOOD FAITH, with INTEGRITY, to create maps that are fair for ALL CITIZENS! Do it right this time,</p>

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				and save us taxpayers time & money from having to re-draw them over and over and over and over and over. THANK you!
09/11/2019 06:57 PM	Ms Lucy Butler	lucybutlerslp@gmail.com		It is apparent that in the map provide 9/11/19, the GOP is attempting to pack district 48!!! Please revise this so that our votes count!!!!
09/11/2019 07:12 PM	Mr. Larry Hannon	ms03923@gmail.com		NC voters deserve fair representation, please create an independent group to draw legislative boundaries.
09/11/2019 07:39 PM	Mrs Susannah Pratt	sukeys@yahoo.com		Stop the cheating and form the districts fairly! Hendersonville as well as other locations deserve to have our votes count. Stop the cheating and put NC first.
09/11/2019 07:40 PM	Mr. Jim Aycock	jimaycock38@gmail.com		The new District 48 smacks of Sen. Chuck Edwards eliminating his best known opponent, Patsy Keever, former state chair of the NCDP and member of the House. The new map drops out southern Asheville, where Patsy and many Democrats live, in favor of eastern rural Buncombe dominated by Republicans, almost as if intended to remove her as an opponent of Edwards. This directly defies the intentions of the court to make elections fair. This has happened before. In 2012 she announced plans to run in Congressional District 10 against Patrick McHenry. The lines were immediately redrawn almost literally across the street to put her in District 11. She was one of seven Democratic women gerrymandered out of the House. What are the Republican cowards afraid of?
09/11/2019 07:49 PM	Ms Nancy Brown	nancysbrown@gmail.com		Three points: 1. The judges ordered the legislature to draw new maps without taking any partisan data or political considerations into account. Yet it appears they may have received partisan data. 2. Art Pope is hardly impartial. 3. NC Senate 48 certainly looks like it is being packed.
09/11/2019 08:05 PM	Mr. Neil Brown	ndbrown1701@gmail.com		Despite years of legitimate legal challenges and losses, NC Republicans are still determined to subvert the redistricting process to maintain their illegal and unethical grasp on power in the state.  1. Art Pope is the absolute antithesis of unbiased. Anything touching his hands is filled with bigotry and white male supremacy. 2. The provisional maps in NC48 are deliberately designed to suppress any chances that mainstream candidates might have for victory. 3. The entire NCGA effort is designed to evoke court challenges that will prolong thge current illegal districts, and ensure that the 202 elections are carried out in an unconstitutional manner.  It is incumbent on the Court to act fairly, and reject the continued NCGA process.

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09/11/2019 08:22 PM	Mrs Margaret Anne parlier	Anneparlier1808@gmail.com		The redistricting must be done by an independent commission. We simply cannot trust any group or persons who have any conflict of interest, regardless of party. Please let's get it right, the democracy of our state is at risk.
09/11/2019 08:25 PM	Mr. Marshall Lee Skidmore	Leeskidmore5502@gmail.com		Please be certain that the redistricting can be successful for full representation for all voters. An independent commission is vitally important.
09/11/2019 08:25 PM	Kim N	sonictofu@netscape.net		The Chen maps were not drawn in public view. Using them does not comply with the law.
09/11/2019 08:32 PM	Altriese Price	price4progress@gmail.com	Walmart	Fair redistricting means creating voting population that are common communities. It means districts that will have the constituents pick their representation not elected officials choosing their constituents.
09/11/2019 08:58 PM	Doreen Blue	Deeblu7@aol.com		Map for district 48 shows packing, unfair, shame on you,
09/11/2019 09:02 PM	Helen Struve	hevzon2000-vzon@yahoo.com		Re-do Sen.District 48 before moretaxpayer money is used for defending the current map of District 48.
09/11/2019 10:50 PM	winnie barrett	winkiebai@charter.net	constituant	PLEASE DO REDISTRICTING FAIRLY FOR ALL IN OUR STATE. Winnie Barrett
09/11/2019 10:52 PM	Mr Samuel Cryan	samuelmccryan@gmail.com	None. Only a Concerned Citizen.	The redrawing process needs to have "digital sunshine." There needs to be a way for those of us watching the maps being drawn to understand the impact they will ultimately have. Simply having downloadable shape files of the districts being drawn will provide much better transparency.
09/11/2019 11:06 PM	Honorable Rodney Moore	moore904@gmail.com		Please right the wrong that is being heaped upon the citizens of Precinct 29 in Wilmington. At present their votes are counted in Senate District 8, which is Sen. Rabon's' District, while the rest of New Hanover county's votes go to Senate District 9. This seems like a case of classic voter suppression as Precinct 29 has a large African American voting population. Please right this egregious wrong and redistrict this precinct back in Senate District 9 where it belongs. Thank you for your time attention.
09/11/2019 11:20 PM	Mr Jeff Dektor	Jjdek1@gmail.com	Ret	Most of. your constituents do not want districts drawn to the benefit of one party. Our state has the opportunity to establish the fairest process in our nation. Do not screw it up!! We are watching carefully and will act with all forms of speech.
09/12/2019 05:55 AM	Mrs. Audrey Stelloh	alexadogg@gmail.com		Today I see that NC district 49 has been changed so that a geographical area with a majority affiliation of democrat voters was annexed into district 48. This changes the balance of remaining voters in district 49 such that 49 now has far fewer democrat voters. This change will not allow for a fair representation of the district. There needs to be an even distribution of voters in order for the election to be a contest for proper representation.



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09/12/2019 08:00 AM	Nancy Lang	nlangagain@gmail.com		Just make them fair for all, and stop with the gerrymandering.
09/12/2019 08:07 AM	Mrs Tammy Herrmann	Tammy.herrmann@icloud.com	Self	I am for fair re-districting and fair elections. The maps must be drawn to be non patrician and give everybody equal opportunity to win or lose; no one party should have an advantage. Let the people vote and the chips fall where they may. Thank you!
09/12/2019 08:20 AM	Dwight Jordan	dwight_jordan@hotmail.com	NA	Thanks for taking my comment-I have no faith that you will draw fair maps. If you did, the courts would not have ruled against you. Your current maps are just drawn unfairly. I recommend a bipartisan group be chosen to draw new maps! Thanks for listening!
09/12/2019 08:22 AM	Ms. Jennifer Marshall	marshalljennifer13@gmail.com		I don't trust them to be fair or impartial especially after completing subverting democracy publicly on 9/11. Please assign outside powers to draw the maps fairly. There has already been packing in district 48 and 49. Fair and impartial. Someone tell these fatheads that CHEATING is not equal to winning. Most of us learned it by second grade and NC looks embarrassing.
09/12/2019 08:31 AM	Theresa Sharpe	legalbegal6@gmail.com	Individual	Support Redistricting Reform now. Draw fair Maps
09/12/2019 09:10 AM	Dianna Wynn	lwvwakepresident@gmail.com	League of Women Voters of Wake County	<p>The League of Women Voters has been working toward nonpartisan redistricting for many decades, and we have carefully followed the issue in North Carolina. Furthermore, the League has long advocated for transparency in government decision making.</p> <p>I understand that the current court-ordered redistricting process requires a transparent procedure with all redistricting decision-making occurring in public. As part of that process, the Senate has an online portal for public comment. The purpose of public comment is to provide a vehicle for voters to instruct their elected officials. Thus, for public comment to be a meaningful part of decision making, it must be both viewed and considered by our elected officials. Therefore, I have two concerns regarding the current process and the public comment portal:</p> <p>(1) We do not know if all senators have the ability to access and view the public's comments throughout the decision-making process. It is important that a comment is readily available for review soon after it is posted so that our elected officials may consider the public's feedback as part of this decision-making process.</p> <p>(2) It does not appear that members of the public are able to view all public comments as they are posted. Our understanding of the court's decision is that all decision making related to the current redistricting process must occur in public view. I assume that this committee considers public comment to be an</p>

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				<p>important part of the process. Therefore, the public should be able to view any public comment as soon as it is submitted.</p> <p>I would appreciate an assurance that the voters of North Carolina, as well as legislators, are able to view all public comments. Finally, I urge committee members to review and carefully consider all comments submitted to the public comment portal in the course of this important process.</p> <p>Sincerely,  Dianna Wynn, President  League of Women Voters of Wake County</p>
09/12/2019 09:36 AM	Dr Lydia Kwee	lydia.kwee@gmail.com		<p>I would like to note that the supposedly equal weighting of VTD splits, municipality splits, and compactness in the Chen scores is not actually equal, as these features are correlated. Including each of these criteria with equal weight in the final score leads to clear examples of possible maps being restricted to those with fewer municipality splits -- and therefore overall much worse compactness (i.e., allowing two municipality splits could lead to a much improved compactness score vs. having one split, but you may not even consider that map because of the way these scores are being used.). This may well be what's desired, but I think it's important to be explicit about the fact that municipality splits are, in that case, receiving more weight than compactness. Correlated features cannot simply be added together as if they were independent and considered to be equally weighted. As a statistician, I think this is one of the downsides of using maps that were created for other purposes as a population of base maps from which to start -- but at the very least, this should be acknowledged and considered. Thanks for your consideration.</p>
09/12/2019 09:46 AM	Sheila Denn	sheila.denn@gmail.com	League of Women Voters of Wake County	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The entire process needs to be transparent and open to public view. The House and Senate Redistricting Committees are now live-streaming their meetings, which is commendable, but are there plans for in-person public hearings around the state?</li> <li>2. Do we have assurances that legislators will actually be able to view public comments easily?</li> <li>3. Given that public comments are an important part of the process, and the process as a whole is supposed to be transparent, the public comments should also be viewable by the public.</li> <li>4. I am concerned about the plan to use the set of maps produced by Dr. Jowei Chen that includes incumbency data as base maps. These maps are based on data that is out of date, as there are incumbents included who are no longer legislators, and there are legislators who were elected in 2018 who are not included. The League's position is that *no* incumbency data should be used,</li> </ol>

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09/12/2019 09:47 AM	Me. Mike Jennings	Jenningsmike9@gmail.com	Self	<p>1. The entire process needs to be transparent and open to public view. I appreciate that The House and Senate Redistricting Committees are now live-streaming their meetings, which is commendable, but are there plans for in-person public hearings around the state?</p> <p>2. Do we have assurances that legislators will actually be able to view public comments easily?</p> <p>3. Given that public comments are an important part of the process, and the process as a whole is supposed to be transparent, the public comments should also be viewable by the public.</p> <p>4. I am concerned about the plan to use the set of maps produced by Dr. Jowei Chen that includes incumbency data as base maps. These maps are based on data that is out of date, as there are incumbents included who are no longer legislators, and there are legislators who were elected in 2018 who are not included. I believe that *no* incumbency data should be used, except as a way to check *after draft maps have been drawn* to see if current legislators are double bunked.</p> <p>5. The House Redistricting Committee members received via email copies of Dr. Chen's maps that included overlays of political data from defendant's counsel in the case. Political data is specifically disallowed in the court ruling from being used to redraw the maps. The Chairs of the House Redistricting Committee have indicated that all Committee members and staff have deleted these emails, but I would like assurance that any data that might have been included in attachments to the emails has been removed and has not and will not be used as part of the map-drawing</p>
09/12/2019 09:50 AM	Dianna Wynn	lwvwakepresident@gmail.com	League of Women Voters of Wake County	<p>The League of Women Voters of Wake County continues to monitor the current redistricting process and has the following concerns:</p> <p>(1) We understand that the base maps under consideration not only include incumbent information but that the incumbent information in those maps is now out of date and does not reflect the addresses of all current members. The League has long advocated for impartial criteria that specifically does not include incumbents' addresses. We believe that voting maps should not be drawn to protect incumbent seats. We do recognize that the court has permitted the committee to minimize double bunking. However, that does not require that the base map include incumbent information. For example, the committee could begin with a base map that initially omits incumbents' addresses and then add the current incumbents' addresses to that map as part of the process of avoiding double bunking.</p>

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				<p>(2) The process of redistricting is essentially assigning voters into different voting districts to select a common representative or senator that will represent the concerns of those in a given district. These are the people's maps. Therefore, the people of North Carolina should have a greater voice in the process. We are concerned that there appear to be no plans for public hearings to take place around the state.</p> <p>(3) While an online portal has been made available on the committee's website, we don't believe that it has been sufficiently publicized. The process does not appear to require that committee members even review public comments as part of the decision-making process. These public comments, which should be part of the decision-making process should also immediately be viewable by the public.</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration of our concerns.</p> <p>Sincerely, Dianna Wynn, President League of Women Voters of Wake County</p>
09/12/2019 10:07 AM	Ms. Helen Bell	hanbell@letterboxes.org		I see that NC district 49 has been changed so a section where the majority of voters are registered as democrats was moved into district 48. Doing this changes the balance of remaining voters in district 49 to make district 49 overwhelmingly constructed of registered republicans. This change would not allow for a fair representation of the district and must be changed back or otherwise adapted to create a more even balance. Letting this change to district 49 stand continues the very gerrymandering that was struck down by the courts.
09/12/2019 10:26 AM	Susan Nguyen	semisweetz@yahoo.com		The public should be able to weigh in on the maps before the legislative vote.
09/12/2019 10:28 AM	Michael Huttman	mrhuttman@gmail.com	N/A	<p>Hello,</p> <p>I would like to see lines drawn that creates as many competitive Districts as possible. By competitive I mean districts with PVI's between R+3 and D+3 which should be realistically winnable by either major party candidate. Too many Districts don't give voters a real choice right now because the partisan lean is so lopsided that serious opposition candidates don't run or rarely get close to winning. A more competitive set of Districts would prevent candidates from either party from coasting to re-election and ultimately increase accountability among the state's Senators.</p>
09/12/2019 10:37 AM	Victoria Shea	victoria.shea32@yahoo.com		This sham process is exactly why we need an independent redistricting commission. Legislators should not draw maps - they inevitably draw lines to

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				benefit themselves or their friends. I hope the Court sees through this charade.
09/12/2019 10:39 AM	Katherine M Davis LCSW Katherine Davis	kaydavislcsw@yahoo.com		Honest, no gerrymandering, non partisan redistricting. No games like in the House yesterday.
09/12/2019 10:43 AM	Mr. perry woods	PERRY@PERRYWOODS.COM	self	1.) If consideration is given to incumbents, equal consideration must be given to announced candidates who have spent months building support, and raising money. 2.) Every redistricting this decade has been used as an opportunity to deny women the opportunity to serve. Extra care should be taken to ensure that isn't the case this time.
09/12/2019 10:47 AM	Use Digital Sunshine Victoria Sosa	vickysosa111@gmail.com	N/A	NC citizens demand the use of Digital Sunshine so that we finally, actually, get a say in our government. We're tired of the way things have been—step up from behind your cowardice and act like the officials you are, or continue the legacy of deceit and voter fraud, further disenfranchising those you are supposed to serve. Your choice.
09/12/2019 10:47 AM	Mrs. Linda Collins	Thanesmama2@gmail.com		Please draw maps that are fair and make it easier for citizens to vote. The group currently in the majority will not always be there majority so do not draw lines that both parties can live with.
09/12/2019 10:49 AM	1969 Michelle Wright	2mickeygw@gmail.com		You are criminals & traitors to this country. If you think we will sit back and let you destroy democracy, you are sadly mistaken. We will use democracy to hold you accountable for your sedition against this country. All of the GOP. You are violating the oath you took & the people who you are supposed to be working for will remove you from your responsibilities. You are criminals & traitors.
09/12/2019 10:50 AM	Heather Bowie	Miloismyboy@gmail.com		As a constituent who has been following this closely, I believe you have a court order to conduct all business regarding redistricting in full public view. Please do so, the public has the right to know and to watch if you are going to gerrymander us again.
09/12/2019 10:51 AM	Vickie Rushing	Vickie.rushing@yahoo.com		Only democracies allow open discussion - NC becoming GOP communism?
09/12/2019 10:52 AM	Ms. Joanne Kline	joanne.kline@gmail.com		It is imperative that this entire redistricting process be conducted in full public view, including that all map-drawing be done at public hearings with any relevant computer screen visible to legislators and observers, as the court so ordered. As a taxpayer and a voter in North Carolina, I submit that it is long past time for an impartial and nonpartisan redistricting so that the legislature of North Carolina accurately reflects the will of it's voters. Tactics that hamper or inhibit that goal are inconsistent with the values of Democracy.
09/12/2019	Peri David	strussky@yahoo.com		The GOP has taken NC's democracy AWAY. We need to get this redistricting

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10:59 AM				<p>done in an honest, fair way so our VOTES count.</p> <p>Take a look:  <a href="https://thehill.com/blogs/blog-briefing-room/news/311690-north-carolina-is-no-longer-a-democracy-report?fbclid=IwAR2QIs0AUe2wv-66m9i18p6_qZ8DjQ82MUdQ36VKQ64H-2Wfj_Gd7i-aYl">https://thehill.com/blogs/blog-briefing-room/news/311690-north-carolina-is-no-longer-a-democracy-report?fbclid=IwAR2QIs0AUe2wv-66m9i18p6_qZ8DjQ82MUdQ36VKQ64H-2Wfj_Gd7i-aYl</a></p>
09/12/2019 11:03 AM	Katherine Wulff	kawulff_56@yahoo.com		We demand that these proceedings be open, fair, aboveboard and HONEST. We demand fair, democratic elections where every vote counts.
09/12/2019 11:17 AM	Robert Covington	artly.there@gmail.com	American Citizen	<p>Since I read you won't allow comments in person, why is that? -- here you go.</p> <p>It is time someone put this state back on the map for doing things the AMERICAN way. Not just the GOP way. This unfair drawing of districts to align elections with a particular party has to stop. It is cheating. It denies, and nullifies the will of the people. It forces the GOOD citizens of this state to suffer stagnant blockage in the government bodies, and then to suffer abuses of power, because no one can vote bad legislators out. And that is UN-American.</p> <p>But that has been the point, hasn't it? To break the system, lock it all up, and have one-party rule?</p> <p>Just don't claim to be American, if you do that. Claim something else...admit your heart is more Russian or something.</p> <p>Think not? Then draw the districts *fairly*. Do what is right -- the situation, this need, is beyond party. Fair districts serve We The People.</p> <p>And if you still decide to draw them to benefit one party or the other? Don't claim to be as American and better, shut up about God and Jesus. Because either you live by principle, or you don't. Talk is cheap. Gerrymandering is the proof of that talk being a lie or not.</p> <p>Let the American way win out. Do this fairly in the best interests of We The People so we can have legislators who don't cheat the other side out of votes, seek to steal a city's airport, strip the Governor of power to maintain power at any cost, or inflict toll roads on those who don't want them, or deny millions potential health care coverage. We need good people in office again. Not people who seek power, or to maintain it, at any cost.</p> <p>I was taught we have a great system in America, that this place is unique in the world. But now my state is *often mentioned* as leading the nation down autocracy road, being a bellwether for bad.</p>

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				We should strive to be a better kind of beacon in the future.
09/12/2019 11:18 AM	Karen Martin	Kakasurfcity@yahoo.com		Fair districting is the only way for a democracy to work. Please don't continue the gerrymandering. Keep proceedings open and aboveboard!
09/12/2019 11:23 AM	angela welsh	awelsh7101@gmail.com		I appreciate the fact you included your methodology on the website as it helps the viewer understand how the maps were created. Your methodology makes sense as well.
09/12/2019 11:28 AM	Ms Michi Vojta	michinjeri@hotmail.com		Good gravy, please QUIT with the gerrymandering that is making us the laughing stock of the US, probably much of the world. Please write fair and balanced rules that delineate fair and balanced districts, with a bipartisan (and not sneaking around in secret when the other party is absent - FOR SHAME!!). It can be done, even in small number of days. Please be realistic, even if it means your party may not have the "lock" on seats because of it.
09/12/2019 11:29 AM	Mr Gary Boos	garyboos02@gmail.com	Citizen	I just viewed part of toady's Senate video on redistricting. A lady Senator asked about the ability of the public to view the maps - those picked by the Senate committee for further review. The speaker at the podium said they can be viewed, by the public, on "...the portal..." There was no objection. Hay guys, we members of the public don't know what "...the portal.." is! I tried for two minutes to get to such maps and failed. I, fortunately, had the number of my Senator's (Alexander) Assistant and called her and she was able to talk me through the web pages and links to the list of links of the Senate's documents. The path is too difficult to just leave the public to figure it out for themselves. Recommendation: in your videos, show, on your displays on the walls the path and verbally describe the path. E.g. Find the NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY PAGE. Then on the colored header in white letters click on the word "Committees". A drop down menu of three will show and click on "SENATE STANDING COMMITTEES". On that page scroll down about half way to a list of "SENATE STANDING" then scroll down to about the fourth item from the bottom "Redistricting and Elections". Click on that blue link and that committee comes up with associated information mostly pictures. Above the pictures, you will see the three words "Membership Bills Documents". Click on Documents and that will bring up the Documents for the various days. Not easy was it?
09/12/2019 11:34 AM	Mrs. diane geitner	dianegeitner@yahoo.com		Please give us fair electoral maps in N.C. It is time for us to be able to be proud of our great state for once in a long while. Thank you
09/12/2019 11:37 AM	Mr Gary Boos	garyboos02@gmail.com	Citizen	FYI I believe I heard that the district maps should be drawn so that the populations (at the first try) are within +- 1,000. Sounds reasonable to me. However, new housing developments are starting in many places often with scores of homes in each development. I heard there are 11 new developments in the



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				Youngsville area. E.g. if there are 11 developments, 50 homes each x 3 people per home = 1,650 people. I don't know what to do with such information, but perhaps you could use it as a tie breaker or to refine some district boundaries.
09/12/2019 11:49 AM	Mr Gary Boos	garyboos02@gmail.com	Citizen	<p>Re: potential co-referee Art Pope Copied from Wikipedia.org</p> <p>Art Pope History John William Pope, founder of the retail discount chain Variety Wholesalers, created the Pope Foundation in 1986. The Pope Foundation celebrated its 25th anniversary in December 2011 by hosting a fundraiser for StepUp Ministry, a nonprofit that assists low-income individuals in getting a job and achieving a stable lifestyle.[5] The ministry gained \$300,000 from the Pope Foundation dinner. The John William Pope Foundation is a non-profit 501(c)(3) private charitable foundation based in Raleigh, North Carolina, that contributes to conservative public policy organizations and think tanks, educational institutions, humanitarian charities, and the arts. Art Pope, a businessman and philanthropist, is the current President and chairman of the board of directors. [2] The Pope Foundation "has invested millions in a network of foundations and think tanks, and advocacy groups, both in North Carolina and nationally, that are designed to further conservative and free market ideas,"[3] including the John Locke Foundation, James G. Martin Center for Academic Renewal, Americans for Prosperity, and North Carolina Institute for Constitutional Law.[4] Americans for Prosperity (AFP), founded in 2004, is a libertarian/conservative political advocacy group in the United States funded by David Koch and Charles Koch.[5] As the Koch brothers' primary political advocacy group, it is one of the most influential American conservative organizations.[6][7][8] After the 2009 inauguration of President Barack Obama, AFP helped transform the Tea Party movement into a political force. It organized significant opposition to Obama administration initiatives such as global warming regulation, the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, the expansion of Medicaid and economic stimulus. It helped turn back cap and trade, the major environmental proposal of Obama's first term. AFP advocated for limits on the collective bargaining rights of public-sector trade unions and for right-to-work laws, and it opposed raising the federal minimum wage. AFP played an active role in the achievement of the Republican majority in the House of Representatives in 2010 and in the Senate in 2014. Election-related activities In June 2011, AFP placed fake eviction notices on doors in the Delray</p>

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				<p>neighborhood of Detroit, stating that homes might be taken to make way for the Detroit River International Crossing project.[243]</p> <p>In August 2011, AFP mailed absentee voter applications to Democratic voters in at least two recall elections in Wisconsin that included a filing deadline two days after the election.</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>Comments by G. Boos</p> <p>This guy Pope as a referee? You have got to be kidding - or brazenly partisan. Partisan would be an understatement. I see why the Republican's want him as a referee, he is a certain to support whatever the Republican's want and is invested (both literally and figuratively) in the success and the accretion of power of Republicans. I reject him and I certainly hope the court will.</p>
09/12/2019 12:16 PM	liz agnello	lizagnello@yahoo.com		stop packing the districts for gop favor. why can't you win honestly?
09/12/2019 12:16 PM	Ms. Paula Jennings	pjennings613@gmail.com	Private citizen	<p>I am concerned that legislators are making changes to maps without audio for us in the audience or anyone, for that matter, to hear why they are changing the maps. We need to have a better feel for what they're doing. Full transparency!</p> <p>I also think that public comments should be sent out to the public.</p> <p>Another point of concern is the use of incumbency data. I believe this should not be done when drawing maps.</p> <p>Further, how can we be sure the email that was sent from plaintiff's attorneys with partisan data has been deleted from all pertinent map makers?</p>
09/12/2019 12:19 PM	Mr Wayne Martinez	Wmart72986@msn.com	None,	Republicans, by action, can only win by cheating. Are any of you in the GOP American anymore?
09/12/2019 12:19 PM	Mr Wayne Martinez	Wmart72986@msn.com	None,	Republicans, by action, can only win by cheating. Are any of you in the GOP American anymore?
09/12/2019 12:26 PM	Mr Michael Lewandowski	mlewand@gmail.com		Do your job
09/12/2019 12:42 PM	Mr Gary Boos	garyboos02@gmail.com	Citizen	<p>Re: Compactness methods. E.g. Polsby-Popper</p> <p>As one can determine from even a brief reading of the various compactness methods, all of them assume the areas being calculated lie on a flat plane. Therefore, in any real life terrain such methods lose accuracy the farther from flat the actual terrain is. In terrain so steep that roads and houses are located in positions far different than they would be on flat terrain, the "flat terrain" methods simply don't apply. I've been to western NC, and the road patterns differ a lot from what they would be on flat terrain - and I don't think using</p>

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09/12/2019 12:51 PM	Sam Billings	sambillin@gmail.com		<p>those compaction methods are justified. Also, keep in mind those methods are just tools to help the map makers judge if a given district is Gerrymandered or not. They aren't required by any gods of statistics for use in judging maps. Furthermore, tools can only be expected to be useful if the assumptions of their derivation exist when you want to use them. Are there any statistical papers on this subject? I don't know. The NC Legislature needs to ask a statistician. How about Chen or a Duke professor or Princeton professor.</p> <p>Generally speaking &amp; in retrospect, the hardest aspect to understand of any redistricting process is the intent of the map makers. This is typically due to the fact that intent is concealed during the process so that the public remains in the dark. However, the intent is clear in this case &amp; expressed openly by the legislature. During this process, the NCGA has made no intention to "draw fair maps", rather they have decided to leave it to chance &amp; use a lotto machine to pick from the highest scoring simulated maps. Although, there is one portion of this process that was not left to chance &amp; that is the explicit effort to avoid pairing incumbents in the same district. It is shocking to me after all this state has suffered that the legislature's only effort to physically "draw new maps" is limited to the extent of allowing politicians to pick their voters &amp; not allowing voters to choose their representatives. Incumbency protections are antithetical to an open democracy &amp; should not be a part of this process.</p> <p>Thank you - Sam</p>
09/12/2019 12:55 PM	Lauren Baxley	2scoops37@gmail.com		<p>The beliefs and policies dear to the hearts of North Carolinians are not being represented. The gerrymandered maps in 2018 gave us representation of 77% of seats going to Republicans and 23% to Democrats. However the percentage of voting by the people was 51% Republican and 49% Democrats. This shows an egregious number of people who are being represented by people who don't hold their views. Maps must be redrawn so votes and the people being elected more closely match. I would urge those redrawing the maps to look towards Iowa's system for pointers.</p>
09/12/2019 01:01 PM	Mr. Gary Boos	garyboos02@gmail.com	Citizen	<p>From the NC Supreme Court ruling Common Cause v Lewis "g. Incumbency Protection. The mapmakers may take reasonable efforts to not pair incumbents unduly in the same election district."</p> <p>Note the word "...may...". It is not "must" and it is not "shall". I note that the Senate is planning on using two "Compaction" criteria in their base map selection. OK, I don't object (except for the mountainous parts of NC where the methods are not applicable -terrain is not flat). If, after deciding that two Compaction criteria are needed in selecting the base map, they then decide to change boundaries so that some incumbents aren't "double-bunked", we citizens will take a dim view of brushing aside your own criteria to make life</p>

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				easier for your fellow politicians. If you believe you have to do it anyway, be prepared with a good argument for the court - and for the media and us citizens. We're pissed off enough already with Gerrymandering, better not give us another reason to hate politicians.
09/12/2019 01:13 PM	Susan Gray	Simplysusang@gmail.com		Dear Senators, I strongly encourage you to end the practice of partisan gerrymandered maps in NC and to establish fairly drawn voting districts. Each political party's representatives should have an opportunity to compete for votes in NC fairly and squarely. You have been tasked with the incredible responsibility to return fairness to NC, which will only benefit all the residents in this great state. Help restore voters' confidence in democracy by doing the right and equitable thing ... draw fair districts!
09/12/2019 01:17 PM	Mrs Nancy Harvey	crkegglane@gmail.com		Our democracy is supposed to work for US. Our representatives are supposed to represent US. It is NOT their job to worry about furthering their own careers, nor furthering their own party once they are elected. I sincerely don't think Republicans are LISTENING anymore. If the Democrats start doing the SAME thing, we will VOTE THEM OUT as well! Let the people vote where they live & for whom they want! Let Freedom Ring!
09/12/2019 01:19 PM	Mr George Sawyer	carowill@aol.com	Retired	Let's get a map fair to both parties.
09/12/2019 01:25 PM	District 48 Karen Downs	grayhairscripper@yahoo.com		We need fairly drawn districts. No packing.
09/12/2019 01:35 PM	Mr William Tracy	tracywc@gmail.com		If Dr. Chen's maps are used for redistricting, there should be no redrawing of boundaries after a map is chosen. The part of Dr. Chen's maps that protect against double-bunking legislators should not be used. This will still lead to gerrymandering and an unfair GOP advantage, as it protects those GOP representatives that were elected using the maps the courts deemed illegal. Cherry-picking a map from those produced that still give the most advantage to GOP members is an abuse of the court's ruling.
09/12/2019 02:06 PM	Jack Sinclair	sinclair.jack@gmail.com		Removing the public and press from viewing the redistricting process is undemocratic. You have a constitutional duty to adhere. We as constituents and residents of the state of North Carolina deserve to have our voices heard. By restricting our voice, you are not upholding the fundamentals of how this country was founded, "government of the people, by the people, for the people."
09/12/2019 02:13 PM	Juliana Deitch	juliana.deitch@gmail.com		We need a fair, independent redistricting process, not one decided by a lottery machine.
09/12/2019	Ms Kathleen	Katgor64@gmail.com		I want to see the redistricting done in a fair and equitable manner by a bi-

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02:23 PM	Gorman			partisan committee!
09/12/2019 02:44 PM	Mr. William Satterwhite	isy95vcu@gmail.com	Fully retired.	Just do what the courts ask. Balanced populations; cohesive geographical areas; a little partisanship as practical. Then next year set a standard for how to draw maps. Both parties have bills that will do this. The only difference is who does the grunt work, an outside vendor or an appointed legislative commission.
09/12/2019 03:40 PM	Ms Doreen Weaton	Dlweaton@yahoo.com		Count the voters and divided the districts. Do NOT consider incumbents, as they were "elected" illegally. Do it right for the people of North Carolina. We deserve so much better than we've had.
09/12/2019 03:54 PM	Debra Ireland	dlsiegel@hotmail.com		No member of the current—or future—NC General Assembly should be involved in redistricting efforts. So many current members were elected under illegal maps and their involvement should absolutely not be allowed.  Use an independent body to create fair districts that don't favor either party. That is the only way to bring our state back to a representative democracy where candidates must appeal to all citizens, not just their niche.  No legislator should be able to choose which neighborhoods they want in their own district, as is currently happening as I type. This methodology is completely absurd and an insult to democracy and the citizens of North Carolina.  Representatives should NOT be allowed to choose their voters!
09/12/2019 03:55 PM	Nathania Johnson	nathania.johnson@gmail.com		Grow a conscience and make maps fair. As long as you have gerrymandered maps, you are cheaters. You can never say that you've earned it or that you are a public servant. Not when you steal democracy from people. And since so many of you say you are Christians, know that when you cheat you are not Christlike. Do unto others as you would have them do unto you. If you wouldn't want unfair maps forced upon you, then don't force them upon others.
09/12/2019 04:42 PM	Ms. Mary Louise Rago	mlrago070@gmail.com	Progressive Alliance, Hendersonville, NC	Following the Court decision that North Carolina legislative districts MUST BE REDRAWN to correct extreme gerrymandering on behalf of the Republican Party. The same Republicans are not following the Court's requirements. Please exert your influence to see that this appalling gerrymandering is corrected before the 2020 elections. I am depending on fair and impartial redistricting. What has happened here in North Carolina cannot continue. We, as citizens of the United States, are entitled to free and fair elections and depend upon them.
09/12/2019 04:48 PM	Mr. Mel Sage	hstms@nc.rr.com	Tax Payer	You do not get to pick your voters. Equal opportunity for all. You are rapidly turning everyone against your party. We will not forget!!!

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09/12/2019 04:49 PM	Anita Fletcher	rainsongweaver@gmail.com		Pls pass SB 673 for a Citizens Committee to address fair re-districting!
09/12/2019 04:52 PM	Sue Hyde	suehyde617@msn.com		STOP the gerrymandering! Support Senate Bill 673. What was done yesterday, Sept. 11, by the Senate leader is very bad. Democracy will not survive if the legislature continues to play bad tricks on one another.
09/12/2019 05:06 PM	Catherine Didge	dodgecatherine@hotmail.com	Progressive Alliance	Republicans must cease illegal gerrymandering. Your subversive activities are apparent. NC residents are aware. No more hiding your illegal attempts to undermine our country's democracy!
09/12/2019 05:25 PM	Ms. Kaye Barley	barleykw@appstate.edu		The USA has become the laughing stock of the world. One of those reasons is the overt dishonesty of our government. Gerrymandering is the worst sort of manipulation of the citizenry and those responsible for its existence and continuation deserve to go to prison. I'm SICK and TIRED of our REPRESENTATIVES elected to do the will of their constituents doing the will of whomever is going to pay them for their favors. It's a disgrace. It's disgusting. I do not know how they're able to look at themselves in a mirror or look into the faces of their family. I want my country back. I want my vote to count.
09/12/2019 05:37 PM	Aylett Colston	AylettColston@gmail.com		<p>Dear Members of the Redistricting Committee,</p> <p>I write to you to make sure that you understand the difference between a court admitting an item into evidence, and a court approving an item for future use for a specific purpose.</p> <p>I have become increasingly alarmed listening to North Carolina Senators making statements like, "the court blessed the maps" prepared by Dr. Chen, and "the Court ruled that Dr. Chans maps met all federal and state requirements" for fair maps.</p> <p>These statements are not accurate. I hope these misstatements stem from a misunderstanding, as opposed to intentional obfuscation.</p> <p>Very generally, a court will admit evidence if it is material and relevant to one of the substantive issues in the case, and if that evidence does not violate an exclusionary rule. Evidence is relevant if it tends to prove or disapprove a material issue at trial. For example, a bloody knife found by law enforcement at the scene of a murder that had the defendant's fingerprints on it, would be relevant to determining whether or not the defendant committed murder.</p> <p>Evidence presented at trial by an expert witness, like Dr. Chen, has specific requirements. An expert witness does not testify about matters that he or she personally witnessed, but rather an expert witness provides opinion testimony.</p>

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09/12/2019 05:50 PM	Gayle Ray	gayleray@bellsouth.net		Redistricting maps should be drawn by independent citizens not by politicians gerrymandering. Thank you, Gayle Ray
09/12/2019 06:19 PM	Ms Padma Dyvine	padmadyvine@gmail.com		The latest Senate districts drawn do not represent the citizens. They represent the elected officials. It looks like you are packing the 49th district and cracking the 48th. The way you have created these districts you are making our votes not count. You are making it hard for legislators to work together. This is an outrage!! Have the maps REDRAWN by outside, nonpartisan parties. Life is not only about power and money, but also about protecting democracy which is also about fairness, kindness and looking out for each other. Time to stop your games, wake up to your soul's purpose and do your job which is to serve others, not just yourself!
09/12/2019 06:22 PM	Mr Lonnie Webster	Lonnie@lonniewebster.com		Let a non partisan group draw the plan and make sure it's good for Representative Government ( cities , towns and counties remain in the same political districts) and the values of a free society. The Republicans have been cheating.
09/12/2019	Dr. Sandie	slgravett@hotmail.com		Districts should adhere to these core principles: Compactness, Contiguity,



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07:34 PM	Gravett			Preserving already existent political subdivisions as well as communities of interest. Districts exist to represent the people within them. That goal is accomplished when districts pull together people who are in close proximity to one another, not when people are in a district that is different from a neighbor a mile away, but includes folks who live 50 miles distant. And because districts are for representation of people and not for parties, there should be a strict prohibition on using partisan data including voter registration information, election results, or demographic factors. Let's see no emphasis on "safe" districts or protecting the seats of existing incumbents or maintaining a partisan advantage. Do your job and get non-partisan districts drawn that serve the people.
09/12/2019 09:57 PM	Ms. Jennifer Johnson	jkjohnson@rcukes.com		We need fair maps. No one should be disenfranchised from their right to participate fully in our democratic processes. Moreover, NO ONE should cheat to win. It is an abomination. Look at what the NC house GOP did on 9/11 - illegitimate power grabs from politically gerrymandered districts based on deceit are not representative nor democratic. We need maps that support our people, since legislators are supposed to represent we the people. Win fairly if you want to govern. No real representative would want it any other way.
09/12/2019 11:38 PM	Sarah Eckard	sarahjones04@gmail.com		The people of North Carolina deserve transparency during this entire process. These are our maps. Your goal is to serve the will of the people and the voters, not yourselves. We need to be able to feel confident that the new maps will finally represent us and not the GOP-manipulation that has dominated for too long. Let the voters decide WHO they want in office. It is your constitutional duty and our right to be fairly represented.
09/13/2019 01:04 AM	Stephen Advokat	Sadvokat@ail.com	Citizen disgusted with NC poliics.	Pass S-641. Follow the court mandate.
09/13/2019 06:08 AM	Mrs. Emily Larsen	elarsen823@gmail.com		NC voters want fair maps! It is unbelievable how long we have been operating under fake ones! We should have independent redistricting. We are watching you.
09/13/2019 07:52 AM	Ms. Deborah Miller	queenbiene256@aol.com	LWV	We need fair and unbiased voting districts chosen by citizens, not politicians. The only way Republicans can win is by subterfuge. Very unfair.
09/13/2019 08:14 AM	Claudia Lange	crlange12@gmail.com		Hello, I am writing to urge this committee to make provisions for an independent citizens redistricting commission. As we have seen this week, leaving the drawing of our already illegal maps to those who cannot be trusted to keep their words to their colleagues cannot be trusted to keep their promises to citizens. Lies, stealth votes, disingenuous language is what the citizens and TAX PAYERS do not deserve but that is what we are getting from the North Carolina General Assembly. Recently, a delegation came from California to show NC officials the model their state has adopted. Unless and

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				until we can get the partisanship out of the redistricting process, we will have the mess that we have now - illegal maps and "representatives" choosing their constituents, and no faith whatsoever in our state government. INDEPENDENT CITIZENS REDISTRICTING COMMISSION NOW.
09/13/2019 08:20 AM	Doreen Blue	Deebly7@aol.com		Shame on you, playing dirty!
09/13/2019 08:56 AM	Mrs Doreen Tanenbaum	tanenbaumd@gmail.com	Self/retired	I am not in favor of HB 140. The courts have ruled that North Carolina has created partisan maps in the Republican's favor, against Democrats, Hispanics and Blacks. Quit playing games we know that your advisory committee of only 5 members will vote in favor of your continued favor. Draw the maps fairly and take your chance that the public knows what they wanted and they want the lines to be drawn fairly. You do not need to rig the map.
09/13/2019 10:53 AM	Ms Janet Blanchard	janet.blanchard@me.com		I am extremely disappointed we did not have advance notice of when the public would be allowed to speak at the meeting for redistricting. I live in western NC, and it's a 4 hour drive to Raleigh. The maps were not made available in a timely manner to review, nor to get myself to Raleigh. As usual, Republicans are limiting public input.
09/13/2019 11:02 AM	RevDr Roberts Smith	revs2smith@earthlink.net	retired clergy	Redistricting for political gain is contrary to the Gospel: Beware! And redistrict according to population, without regard for political parties.
09/13/2019 12:00 PM	Clark Hunsinger	hunsingr@nc.rr.com		You should have a camera on the screen so we can see what is on the screen on the live stream of the presentations.
09/13/2019 12:02 PM	ms b sheila clendenning	bclendenni@aol.com		Fair! Non partisan! Every voter's vote COUNTS! NC citizens are sick/tired/fed up with banana-republic shenanigans. DO THE RIGHT THING.